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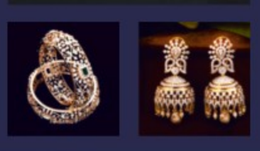

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Demolition job: Wrestler Aman Sehrawat clinched a bronze for India, its fifth at the Paris Olympics, with a dominant show against Puerto Rico's Darian Toi Cruz in the 57kg category. REUTERS (REPORT ON: PAGE 19)

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SC grants Sisodia bail in Delhi excise policy case

Bench rules that the former Delhi Deputy CM's right to a speedy trial and prolonged incarceration for 17 months make him eligible for bail; it declines ED/CBI plea to bar him from Delhi Secretariat

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday stressed to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the Directorate of Enforcement (ED) that "every day counts in matters of personal liberty" while granting bail to former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, who spent over 17 months behind bars without trial for money laundering charges linked to the Delhi excise policy.

A Bench of Justices B.R. Gavai and K.V. Viswanathan said the right to a speedy trial and personal liberty were sacrosanct. Bail cannot be withheld as a punishment. If the state, prosecution agencies or even courts do not have the wherewithal to protect an accused's right to a speedy trial, they should not withhold bail on the ground that the alleged crime was serious.

At long last: AAP leader Manish Sisodia greets supporters after his release from Tihar jail on Friday. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

The top court allowed bail to Mr. Sisodia in both ED and CBI cases and ordered him to be released on payment of ₹10 lakh in bail bonds.

The Aam Aadmi Party leader has to surrender his passport and report to the police station every Monday.

Justice Gavai expressly declined an oral plea made by the ED/CBI to bar Mr. Sisodia from the Delhi Secretariat. The court said Mr. Sisodia had "deep roots in the society" and there was no possibility of him trying to flee or tamper with evidence or influence witnesses.

'Violation of right'

"Keeping Mr. Sisodia incarcerated for an unlimited time in the hope of a speedy trial is a violation of his fundamental right to liberty under Article 21 of the Constitution," Justice Gavai, who authored the verdict, observed.

The court said there was not even the "remotest possibility" of the trial concluding in the near future.

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Done no wrong and won't give in: Chief Minister

MYSURU
Making it clear that he had done no wrong in either the MUDA or Valmiki corporation cases, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday firmly ruled out any possibility of his resignation. » Page 10

ED raids KIADB offices in city and Dharwad

BENGALURU
The Directorate of Enforcement conducted simultaneous raids on the offices of the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board in Bengaluru and Dharwad on Friday. » Page 3

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Three village volunteers killed in firing in Manipur

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

Three village volunteers of the Kuki-Zo community were killed on Friday morning allegedly in firing between two groups in Tengnoupal district of Manipur. District authorities said the firing was reported near the Molnoi village area around 9.30 a.m., according to police officials aware of the incident.

The Manipur Police said a joint operation was launched immediately by the security forces, including the Border Security Force and the Assam Rifles, posted in the area.

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Civic body issues new norms for PG facilities

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In response to the recent murder of a woman at a paying guest (PG) facility in Koramangala, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has issued a set of regulations under Section 305 of the BBMP Act, 2020.

According to officials, this move aims to significantly enhance the safety, hygiene, and overall living conditions of residents in PG facilities across Bengaluru.

A major component of the new guidelines is the mandate for CCTV camera surveillance.

All PG facilities are required to install CCTV cameras at every entrance, exit, and around the premises. The captured footage must be stored with both hardware and software backup for at least 90 days.

To address concerns about living space, the BBMP now requires that each resident be provided with a minimum living space of 70 square feet and this will be considered while issuing licence.

Hygiene is another crucial aspect of the new regulations. PG operators are mandated to provide clean and sanitary bathroom and toilet facilities for their residents. Safe drinking water access is also a new requirement. PG operators must ensure that each resident has access to 135 litres per capita per day (LPCD) of clean drinking water.

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'Creamy layer' will not apply in quota for SCs, STs: govt.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet on Friday categorically asserted that the principle of 'creamy layer' does not apply to reservation for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs).

Announcing this at a Cabinet briefing, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said extensive discussion was held on the recent Supreme Court judgment on the matter. "This government is committed to the Constitutional provisions given by Babasaheb Bhim Rao Ambedkar," Mr. Vaishnaw said.

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MHA creates panel to monitor the safety of Indians in Bangladesh

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

A five-member committee led by a senior Border Security Force (BSF) official has been set up to communicate with Bangladesh authorities "to ensure the safety and security of Indian nationals, Hindus, and other minority communities living there," Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Friday.

A preliminary inquiry by government agencies has found that no major attacks against Hindu or other minority communities have been reported near the India-Bangladesh border, a government official said. Since August 5, four instances have been reported of Bangladeshis crowding along the border, all in northern Bengal.

Bangladeshi nationals assemble near the border in West Bengal on Friday. PTI

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SC refuses to put off NEET-PG, says it can't put careers at risk

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday refused to reschedule the postgraduate National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET-PG) 2024 to be held on Sunday saying it cannot put careers at risk.

A three-judge Bench headed by the Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud pointed out that two lakh aspirants were expected to appear in the exam.

"More than two lakh students and close to four lakh parents will weep over the weekend if we even touch this matter... Nowadays, people just come to postpone this exam or the other," Chief Justice Chandrachud said.

Noting that there were only five petitioners in the Supreme Court, the CJI said "we cannot put the careers of so many candidates at risk just because of these petitioners".

Appearing for the petitioners, senior advocate Sanjay Hegde submitted that the controversy over paper leaks and allocation of exam centres in the undergraduate NEET 2024 exam had had an impact on NEET-PG 2024.

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Julien Alfred: the making of the world's fastest woman

How the 23-year-old sprinter — once too poor to buy shoes — went from running barefoot on the streets of St. Lucia to winning the coveted 100m gold at the Paris Games, the Caribbean island nation's first ever Olympic medal, and following it up with the 200m silver

Associated Press
Agence France-Presse

Last Saturday in Paris, Julien Alfred woke up early to jot her thoughts down in her journal. It's a routine she usually follows on race days to help clear her mind and sharpen her focus.

But this was like no other race day the 23-year-old sprinter from St. Lucia had experienced until then. She kept it simple. "I wrote down, 'Julien Alfred: Olympic champion,'" she said.

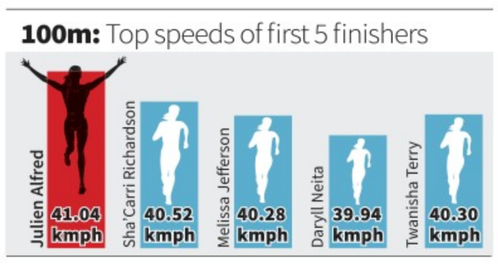
That done, Alfred spent the rest of her morning watching footage of retired Jamaican great Usain Bolt, the fastest sprinter of all time. "I just watched how he just executed," she said.

Etched into history

By the evening, Alfred had catapulted herself into her country's own pantheon of greats. She stunned US favourite Sha'Carri Richardson to win the women's 100m gold, etching her name into history by claiming the Caribbean island nation's first ever medal at the Olympics.

Alfred – who had never finished on the podium at a major outdoor championships prior to last weekend's final – conjured up a superb race to win in 10.72s, as Richardson took silver in 10.87s and Melissa Jefferson clinched bronze in 10.92s.

> I woke up [on race day] and wrote down, 'Julien Alfred, Olympic champion' [in my journal]. So I think believing in myself was important


100m: Top speeds of first 5 finishers
Julien Alfred 41.04 kmph
Sha'Carri Richardson 40.52 kmph
Melissa Jefferson 40.28 kmph
Daryll Neita 39.94 kmph
Twanisha Terry 40.30 kmph

The powerfully built Alfred led from start to finish, exploding out of the blocks and romping through the puddles at a rainswept Stade de France. Her margin of victory – 0.15 seconds – was the biggest in the Olympic 100m since 2008. None of the other finalists matched Alfred's top speed of 41.04 kmph, with the fancied Richardson coming the closest (40.52kmph).

Alfred recovered sufficiently to win the 200m silver three days after her history-making run, doubling her Olympic medal collection and proving again that she is among the world's best.

Getting to the top of the podium has not been a smooth passage for Alfred, whose 100m victory came in front of 69,000 spectators, just 110,000 less than the population of St. Lucia. She grew up too poor to buy shoes and had to run barefoot, in her school uniform, in poor facilities. Spotted by the school librarian, young Julien was fast and full of promise, but her world was rocked by the death of her father Julian Hamilton when she was just 12.

She briefly stepped back from athletics altogether. Fortunately for her, St. Lucia and the world of athletics, her first coach Cuthbert Modeste, who had trained Alfred since she was nine, convinced her to return to the sport. At 14, she decided to go to school in Jamaica, the home of her idol Bolt, leaving behind her family for a shot at developing into a top sprinter.

"I did have tough times when I was 14," she said. "I think getting the opportunity to go to a place where Usain Bolt is was ideal and I decided I wanted to be there and my mum gave me the opportunity to go. She didn't say no. She just said to me, 'If you want to go then, okay.'"

Growing up without family and friends, while training and competing against Jamaica's best, certainly toughened up the young athlete. Alfred, known as 'Juju', dreamt of sprinting on the Olympic stage where Bolt shone so bright, but it wasn't until she attended the University of Texas, where she became a multiple-time NCAA champion, that she began to realise she had what was needed to become a truly elite athlete.

Turning point

Winning the Youth Olympic Games 100m silver in Buenos Aires in 2018 was a turning point for her career – "the beginning of something great", as she said later.

Taken in hand by Edrick Floreal at the University of Texas – he also coaches reigning European 100m champion Dina Asher-Smith – she began to blossom. A shy individual, Alfred found the perfect mentor in Floreal, someone who could read her and extract the best from her.

"He's been like a dad, a mentor and a coach," Alfred told Olympics.com. "There can be so much pressure and I really appreciate all that he has done, not just from a coaching standpoint, but also just being a human like I am. He's seen me as a human and not just an athlete."

Floreal, for his part, has been wowed by how Alfred has adjusted from the junior to the senior ranks. "She's fantastic," he said. "It's a difficult adjustment that a lot of kids are not able to do; there's a lot of people pulling at you."

The memories of her incredible journey flooded back as Alfred rang the victory bell at the end of the track to signify that she was indeed an Olympic 100m champion. A sound that made everything really feel real. The most poignant memory, the one that made her burst into tears, involved her late father, who believed this sort of moment was possible.

"He believed I could be an Olympian. That I can be here," Alfred said. "I want to attribute the win to [my father] ... he'd be so boastful of his daughter being an Olympian."

Alfred's 100m win – admittedly in a depleted field, with two-time Olympic 100m champions Elaine Thompson-Herah and Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce injured – exemplified the 23-year-old's strengths. At her best, her focus is unshakeable, she barely notices what's happening in the lanes next to her, and in the final, Richardson's starry presence didn't register.

"Sometimes when I do [look at the adjoining lanes], I tend to panic," Alfred said. "So far this year [not paying attention] has been such a good strategy. As long as you just run your race and try to execute what you have to do, then you're fine."

> Not many people know about St. Lucia. Sometimes I can be in an Uber and they ask me where I'm from... and they'll be like 'Where's St. Lucia?'

Where it was won

Alfred's opening burst had played a big role when she won the world indoor title earlier this year at 60 metres, and she started strong in this one, with two steps on the entire field at the 40-metre mark. Richardson, as has happened before this summer, laboured to get to full speed. Her reaction time off the blocks of 0.221 seconds compared unfavourably to Alfred's 0.144

Given Alfred's powerful finishing ability, the American stood no chance of turning things around, and St. Lucia had opened its Olympic account.

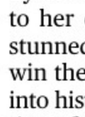
"I feel honoured just to be an ambassador for my country," Alfred said. "Not many people know about St. Lucia. Sometimes I can be in an Uber and they ask me where I'm from... and they'll be like 'Where's St. Lucia?' It means a lot to me. It means a lot to my coach. It means a lot to my country. I'm just really happy, it happened on the biggest stage of my career."

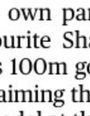
STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Jannik Sinner	22	9,570	18
2	Novak Djokovic	37	8,460	18
3	Carlos Alcaraz	21	8,130	17
4	Alexander Zverev	27	6,845	24
5	Daniil Medvedev	28	6,525	18
6	Hubert Hurkacz	27	4,105	22
7	Alex de Minaur	25	4,080	23
8	Andrey Rublev	26	3,975	25
9	Casper Ruud	25	3,880	23
10	Grigor Dimitrov	33	3,600	20
11	Stefanos Tsitsipas	25	3,465	23
12	Tommy Paul	27	3,375	21
13	Taylor Fritz	26	3,330	22
14	Ben Shelton	21	2,950	25
15	Ugo Humbert	26	2,360	27

Top Indians ▶


Sumit Nagal
Rank 71 ▲ 4 spots


Ramkumar Ramanathan
Rank 325 ▲ 4 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Iga Swiatek	23	11,005	17
2	Coco Gauff	20	7,703	17
3	Aryna Sabalenka	26	7,256	18
4	Elena Rybakina	25	6,376	19
5	Jasmine Paolini	28	5,373	23
6	Jessica Pegula	30	4,515	21
7	Qinwen Zheng	21	4,025	19
8	Danielle Collins	30	3,702	19
9	Maria Sakkari	29	3,621	23
10	Barbora Krejcikova	28	3,573	18
11	Jelena Ostapenko	27	3,418	23
12	Daria Kasatkina	27	3,283	23
13	Liudmila Samsonova	25	2,820	25
14	Madison Keys	29	2,778	15
15	Emma Navarro	23	2,729	27

Top Indians ▶

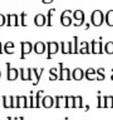
Ankita Raina
Rank 301 ▼ 34 spots

Sahaja Yamalapalli
Rank 306 ▲ 4 spots

F1 Drivers' standings

#	Driver	Team	Points	Wins
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull	277	7
2	Lando Norris	McLaren	199	1
3	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	177	1
4	Oscar Piastri	McLaren	167	1
5	Carlos Sainz	Ferrari	162	1
6	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	150	2
7	Sergio Perez	Red Bull	131	0
8	George Russell	Mercedes	116	1
9	Fernando Alonso	Aston Martin	49	0
10	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	24	0
11	Nico Hulkenberg	Haas	22	0
12	Yuki Tsunoda	RB	22	0
13	Daniel Ricciardo	RB	12	0
14	Oliver Bearman	Ferrari	6	0
15	Pierre Gasly	Alpine	6	0
16	Kevin Magnussen	Haas	5	0
17	Esteban Ocon	Alpine	5	0
18	Alex Albon	Williams	4	0
19	Zhou Guanyu	Sauber	0	0
20	Valtteri Bottas	Sauber	0	0

Max Verstappen


Lando Norris

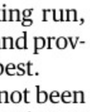
F1 Constructors' standings

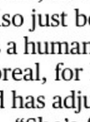
Pos	Team	Points	Wins
1	Red Bull	408	7
2	McLaren	366	2
3	Ferrari	345	2
4	Mercedes	266	3
5	Aston Martin	73	0
6	RB	34	0
7	Haas	27	0
8	Alpine	11	0
9	Williams	4	0
10	Sauber	0	0

Badminton Men's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Shi Yu Qi	102,415	17
2	Viktor Axelsen	97,370	15
3	Anders Antonsen	86,041	22
4	Kunlavut Vitidsarn	83,958	17
5	Jonatan Christie	83,797	18
6	Lee Zii Jia	83,716	23
7	Li Shi Feng	83,156	18
8	Kodai Naraoka	82,597	20
9	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting	70,485	18
10	Chou Tien Chen	67,727	29
11	Kenta Nishimoto	65,812	24
12	Loh Kean Yew	65,593	23
13	Prannoy H. S.	63,492	18
14	Lu Guang Zu	58,551	20
15	Lin Chun-Yi	58,501	28

Top Indians ▶


Prannoy H. S.
Rank 13


Lakshya Sen
Rank 16

Badminton Women's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	An Se Young	115,917	15
2	Chen Yu Fei	104,282	17
3	Carolina Marin	93,236	17
4	Tai Tzu Ying	89,971	17
5	Akane Yamaguchi	85,057	11
6	Wang Zhi Yi	83,215	19
7	He Bing Jiao	78,018	16
8	Gregoria Mariska Tunjung	77,662	21
9	Han Yue	77,609	21
10	Aya Ohori	69,667	23
11	Beiwen Zhang	64,506	23
12	Nozomi Okuhara	62,911	22
13	P.V. Sindhu	61,462	15
14	Supanida Katethong	59,494	24
15	Busanan Ongbamrungphan	58,440	24

Top Indians ▶

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 13

Aakarshi Kashyap
Rank 39

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Joe Root	872	923
2	Kane Williamson	859	919
3	Babar Azam	768	882
3	Daryl Mitchell	768	804
5	Steve Smith	757	947
6	Rohit Sharma	751	813
7	Harry Brook	749	773
8	Yashasvi Jaiswal	740	740
9	Dimuth Karunaratne	739	783
10	Virat Kohli	737	937

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	R. Ashwin	870	904
2	Josh Hazlewood	847	864
2	Jasprit Bumrah	847	881
4	Kagiso Rabada	834	902
5	Pat Cummins	820	914
6	Nathan Lyon	801	801
7	Ravindra Jadeja	788	899
8	Shaheen Afridi	733	836
9	Kyle Jamieson	729	836
10	Prabath Jayasuriya	724	783

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Babar Azam	824	898
2	Shubman Gill	782	847
3	Rohit Sharma	763	882
4	Virat Kohli	752	909
5	Harry Tector	746	767
6	Daryl Mitchell	728	750
7	David Warner	723	869
8	Dawid Malan	707	730
9	Pathum Nissanka	705	728
10	Rassie van der Dussen	701	796

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Keshav Maharaj	716	741
2	Josh Hazlewood	688	727
3	Adam Zampa	686	695
4	Kuldeep Yadav	662	760
4	Mohammed Siraj	662	736
6	Bernard Scholtz	657	657
7	Mohammad Nabi	656	657
8	Jasprit Bumrah	651	838
9	Shaheen Afridi	650	688
10	Trent Boult	643	775

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Travis Head	844	844
2	Suryakumar Yadav	805	910
3	Philip Salt	797	833
4	Yashasvi Jaiswal	757	779
5	Babar Azam	755	896
6	Mohammad Rizwan	746	875
7	Jos Buttler	716	720
8	Ruturaj Gaikwad	664	706
9	Brandon King	656	704
10	Johnson Charles	655	669

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Adil Rashid	718	746
2	Anrich Nortje	675	695
3	Rashid Khan	668	816
4	Wanindu Hasaranga	663	797
5	Josh Hazlewood	662	806
6	Akeal Hosein	659	683
7	Adam Zampa	654	743
8	Fazalhaq Farooqi	645	692
9	Maheesh Theekshana	640	684
10	Ravi Bishnoi	635	699

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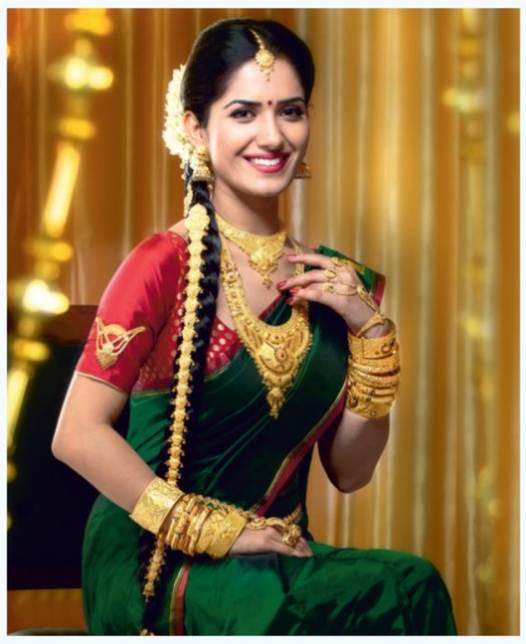

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Civic body issues new norms for PG facilities

BBMP safety guidelines for PG facilities

- CCTV camera surveillance
- Adequate living space
- Hygienic facilities
- Safe drinking water
- Fire safety certification
- Security personnel
- Licensing for kitchens from FSSAI
- Provide first-aid kits onsite
- Proper solid waste management
- Display emergency contact information

For PGs with kitchen facilities, a licence from the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) must be obtained within three months of receiving a business licence from the BBMP.

In addition to these requirements, PG operators must employ at least one security staff member on a 24/7 basis to provide constant assistance and security for residents.

According to the order, PG owners must also obtain an official fire safety certificate from the competent authority before receiving a business licence. Emergency preparedness has also been emphasised. PGs must display a board with emergency contact numbers, including the BBMP helpline and the police helpline.

Inspection every six months

To enforce these guidelines, health officers, medical officers, and senior health inspectors will conduct inspections every six months to ensure compliance. Zonal commissioners are also tasked with reviewing adherence to the regulations. Non-compliance may result in penalties or revocation of business licences under Sections 307 and 308 of the BBMP Act, 2020.

Meanwhile, PG owners in the city have generally welcomed the BBMP's new guidelines. They claimed that while a few facilities may lack proper facilities, most are well-equipped and safe.

Manjunath Kumar, who operates a PG in Palace Guttahalli, said: "We support these guidelines as they will enhance the quality of PG facilities. However, the process for obtaining licences and permissions should be streamlined to avoid disrupting business. The BBMP must ensure that PG operators are not unduly pressured by officials under the guise of these new regulations."

Hosakerehalli flyover: When the solution only exacerbates problem

The flyover was part of a project to make the Outer Ring Road signal-free, but it has only added to traffic congestion; work began in August 2020 and was supposed to be completed in 15 months

STUCK IN THE MIDDLE

Jayanth R.
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B.S. Prahlad, Chief Engineer, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, has said all hurdles were cleared and work will resume soon.K. MURALI KUMAR

Construction of a flyover at Hosakerehalli Kerekodi junction, part of a project to make the Outer Ring Road (ORR) signal free, has been stuck for over an year now. Forget aiding the smooth flow of vehicles, the project has added to traffic congestion on the ORR.

Work on the 360-metre flyover started in August 2020, and was supposed to be completed in 15 months at a cost of ₹30 crore. The project was funded from the Chief Minister's Nava Nagarothana scheme.

Munirathna, BJP MLA, has alleged that the project has been stuck as Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister D.K. Shivakumar stopped funding for the project out of political vendetta. But, senior civic officials cite legal issues for the delay.

B.S. Prahlad, Chief Engineer, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), told *The Hindu* that all hurdles were cleared and work will resume soon. The flyover will be ready by December 2024.

This stretch has not only become a bottleneck on the ORR, but has also posed significant challenges to many residents of Hosakerehalli, Bangarappanagar, Mookambika Nagar, Pramoda Layout, Girinagar, Ganapati Nagar, and Avalahalli.

Fact sheet

- **Work began in** August 7, 2020.
- **Time for completion of the project**: 15 months
- **Money allotted for the project:** ₹30 crore
- **Distance of the flyover:** 360 metres

Residents of these areas have been struggling ever since the construction began. Barricades at the construction site block access to roads in their localities. Residents have to take a U-turn adding distance and time to their commute.

This stretch of the ORR has many educational institutions, including PES University. The inordinate delay in work has inconvenienced students and parents.

"I come to PES University from Nagarbhavi by bus. However, the traffic during morning peak hours is so bad that it takes nearly half-an-hour for the bus to cross Kerekodi junction. So, I get off the bus to walk to my college," said Shriya, an engineering student.

"To go from Girinagar to Hosahalli Road, we have to go round the PES University junction. The roads adjacent to the grade separator are very narrow and cause traffic jams. No matter how early we leave home, children are late for school," said Vijaykumar, a parent. "It has been years since they promised to make the ORR signal free. Now that the work has stalled, we spend a lot of time every day crossing the Kerekodi junction. The government should prioritise works on this stretch and clear this bottleneck," said Kiran Prasad, a resident of Jnana Bharathi.

(This is the fifth in a series on long-pending infrastructure projects in Bengaluru)

Pose a question to Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy

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BENGALURU

Have a question about HSRP number plates, the Shakti scheme, KSRTC, BMTC buses, or the Muzrai Department? Get answers from Ramalinga Reddy, Karnataka's Transport and Muzrai Minister, as *The Hindu* will pose your questions to him on #THTalksBengaluru.

Mr. Reddy, an eight-time Congress MLA from Bengaluru, represents the BTM Layout constituency in Bengaluru.

He has previously held various portfolios, including Finance, Industry, Agricultural Marketing, Food and Civil Supplies, Bengaluru Development, and Primary and Secondary Education.

A seasoned politician with a strong grasp of Bengaluru's civic affairs, Mr. Reddy began his political career with the Bengaluru City Corporation Council from 1983 to 1988.

Readers can submit their questions about the Transport Department, State-run road transport corporations (RTCs) – KSRTC, BMTC, NWKRTC, and KKRTC or the Muzrai Department via email to thtalksbengaluru@thehindu.co.in before 12 p.m. on August 13. The interaction will be published on August 14.

Multiple awards for KIA

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Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) has won multiple awards at the prestigious Airport Food & Beverage (FAB) + Hospitality Conference and Awards held recently in Ontario, California.

According to Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL), KIA is the first Indian airport to receive such honours.

The new 080 domestic lounge won Airport Lounge of the Year. Among the other awards, the Airport Restaurant Design of The Year- Asia Pacific was won by Bombay Brasserie-T2, and the Chef of the Year- Asia Pacific was bagged by chef Dominic Gerard.

"We are happy to be the first airport lounge in India to achieve these prestigious recognitions at the FAB Awards. The 080 lounge aims to showcase the essence of Karnataka and the vibrant spirit of Bengaluru. Guests can enjoy a design experience that incorporates local elements, inviting them on a immersive journey," said Kenneth Guldbjerg, chief commercial officer, BIAL.

Senior citizen found dead

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A senior citizen was found dead with a head injury in Madanayakanahalli on Friday morning. The deceased has been identified as Siddappa, 70, who lived alone in a rented accommodation in Ward 1 of Madanayakanahalli town.

Neighbours discovered him lying in a pool of blood in his house on Friday morning. He had suffered a severe head injury. The police have also recovered an iron rod. The police said that the senior citizen was hit on the back of his head with the iron rod.

Man arrested on the charge of killing younger brother

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A man allegedly killed his younger brother in a fit of rage in Lakshmipura, Begur, on Thursday afternoon. The deceased has been identified as Pradeep, 18, and his elder brother Rajni, 28, has been arrested.

According to the police, Rajni and Pradeep worked as two-wheeler mechanics. However, Rajni had fallen ill and was at home for many months.

On Thursday afternoon, Pradeep scolded him for not working even as he and their parents were working hard to make ends meet. This triggered a bitter tiff between the brothers. Rajni allegedly picked up a kitchen knife and stabbed his younger brother in his chest, even as their mother tried to separate them.

Though Pradeep was immediately rushed to a private hospital, he was declared as brought dead. The Begur police arrested Rajni for the murder.

Man held for attacking woman

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BENGALURU

A woman walking on the road at Sahakarnagar on Thursday evening was attacked by a man with a stone. The attack was allegedly unprovoked, according to the police. Sunita, 43, was walking home, when the man, now arrested and identified as Gopal, allegedly picked up a stone and attacked her.

Passers-by rescued Sunita and rushed her to a hospital where she is being treated in the ICU. She is said to be out of danger.

Govt. vehicles lag in installation of High-Security Registration Plates

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In August 2023, the Transport Department issued a notification requiring approximately two crore vehicles registered before April 1, 2019, to install HSRP. FILE PHOTO

While the government is striving to raise awareness about installing High-Security Registration Plates (HSRP), it is itself found to be lagging in its implementation. In Karnataka, out of 32,848 government-owned vehicles, only 13,901 have installed HSRP so far.

The government owns vehicles assigned to elected representatives, bureaucrats across different departments, State-owned enterprises, corporations, and boards. According to the rules, these vehicles must have HSRP installed. However, 13,901 vehicles brought before 2019 are yet to install HSRP.

In August 2023, the Transport Department issued a notification requiring approximately two crore vehicles registered before April 1, 2019, to install HSRPs. Initially, the deadline was November 17, 2023. Owing to low compliance rates, the department extended the deadline to this February 17, and subsequently to this May 31. Eventually, acknowledging slow progress in the transition, the government further extended the deadline to this September 15.

The HSRP is a new type of tamper-proof number plate featuring non-reusable locks.

Once installed, it can only be removed by breaking the lock, making it difficult to replace. The HSRP includes a unique 10-digit number linked to the vehicle's chassis and engine numbers, stored in a centralised database.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy said that all government-owned vehicles must comply with the mandate to install HSRP. "Every government department should verify and ensure that their vehicles have HSRP number plates installed. We are actively raising awareness among the general public about the HSRP installation," he added.

Recently, in a response provided during the Assembly session, Mr. Reddy stated that there is currently no proposal to extend the deadline beyond September 15 for installing HSRP. Addressing another question regarding the fixed rates for HSRP, he clarified that the agencies responsible for installation will determine their own rates, as the transport department has not set any fixed rates.

BUSINESS CONNECT

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Grand Inauguration of Asia Jewels Show 2024

Asia Jewels Show 2024, One of South India's most Glamorous & Niche Jewelry Exhibition & Sale is hosting its 50th edition at Hotel The RitzCarlton, Residency Road, Bengaluru. This show is a very exclusive one as for the first time the expo will showcase never seen before best jewellery designs from top handpicked jewellers from across India, all under one roof. Asia Jewels Show is a niche event exhibiting exclusive and high-end Fine branded gold and diamond Jewellery among others. The event showcases some of the latest collections from Fine gold Jewellery, Diamond Jewellery, Platinum Jewellery, Traditional Jewellery, Wedding Jewellery, Antique, Precious stone Jewellery, Kundan, Jadau & Polki & Silver Jewellery to name a few. Asia Jewels Show is a niche event exhibiting exclusive and high-end Fine branded gold and diamond Jewellery among others. The event showcases some of the latest collections from, Fine gold Jewellery, Diamond Jewellery, Platinum Jewellery, Traditional Jewellery, Wedding Jewellery, Antique, Precious stone Jewellery, Kundan, Jadau & Polki & Silver Jewellery to name a few. Asia Jewels Show is most Opulent ,exquisite and most sought after event show brought to you by the HRS Media. To know more about the exhibition visit https://hrsmedia.in

Canara Bank Extends Rs. 1 Crore Relief Fund for Kerala

Canara Bank, India's leading public sector bank today announced a substantial contribution of Rs. 1 crore to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund in support of the relief and rehabilitation efforts in the wake of the devastating floods in Wayanad, Kerala. This contribution reflects the bank's commitment to its core value of 'Together We Can', as it stands united with the nation in times of crisis. In a significant gesture of corporate social responsibility, Shri. Pradeep K. S., General Manager and Circle Head of Canara Bank's Thiruvananthapuram Circle office, handed over a demand draft of Rs 1 crore to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala, Sri. Pinarayi Vijayan. The contribution, drawn from Canara Bank's CSR funds, is directed towards the Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund (CMDRF) as an aid in the ongoing relief and recovery efforts after the recent disaster in Wayanad. The bank is committed to supporting the ongoing relief and recovery efforts in the region. "As a nationalized bank with a deep-rooted presence across India, Canara Bank has always been at the forefront of supporting its customers and the communities it serves," said K Satyanarayana Raju, MD & CEO of Canara Bank. "The devastation caused by the floods in Kerala is heart-wrenching, and we are committed to extending all possible support to the affected people. This contribution is a small step towards rebuilding lives and restoring hope."

ITC Sunfeast launches nutritious biscuits for kids 'Super Egg & Milk'

ITC Sunfeast, known for bringing new and innovative experiences to consumers, recently hosted a one-of-a-kind conference between hen and cows. A lively discussion took place between their representatives, where they humorously highlighted the challenges of making milk and eggs more appealing to children while emphasizing their contributions to providing good nutrition. Following their conversation, a larger panel discussion was held, featuring eminent personalities from various fields. Mr. Madan Mohan Maiti, Chairman, National Egg Coordination Committee (NECC) West Bengal, Dr. Dulal Chandra Sen, Vice-Chairman, IDA East Zone, Dr. Ananya Bhowmik, Clinical Nutritionist and Lifestyle Consultant, celebrity mom Koneenica Banerjee, Archana Sinha, Co-Founder and CEO of Nourishing Schools. Building on similar insights and understanding an industry gap for egg and milk biscuit, ITC Sunfeast today introduced its latest product innovation,Sunfeast Super Egg & Milk Biscuit, with 'Goodness of Protein'. Speaking on the product launch, Mr. Ali Harris Shere, COO of Biscuits and Cakes Cluster, ITC Foods, shared, "Our consumer research highlighted that mother's consider egg and milk to be essential food for children, however, individually, these ingredients are not very convenient for children to consume, especially for out-of-home consumption. We are the first to introduce a biscuit with egg and milk at various accessible price points in India." The Sunfeast Egg & Milk Biscuits will be available across South and East India. At ITC, it has been a constant endeavour to offer value-added food offering to the consumer given the changing lifestyle and consumer preference. As part of its nutrition strategy 'Help India Eat Better' framework, ITC is leveraging its strengths in science-based, consumer led product development, agri etc. to meet consumer needs and help them make informed choices.

Punjab National Bank celebrated "Indian Organ Donation Day"

Recently under the Organ Donation Public Awareness Campaign, Indian Organ Donation Day was celebrated at Punjab National Bank, Circle Office, Bengaluru. On this occasion, all the staff members were administered the oath and motivated for organ donation. On this occasion, Quiz competition was organized for all the staff members, in which all the staff members of the Bengaluru Circle participated and the winning participants were awarded prizes and certificates of appreciation by the Circle Head Shri Ratish Kumar Singh and Deputy Circle Head Shri Santosh Kumar Sharma.

‘There is some science to swing bowling, somebody has taught Arshdeep that’

Fanie de Villiers, a masterful exponent of seam and swing bowling, shares his thoughts on the craft and its practitioners, and sheds light on why he was so good at the death and what it was like to be a part of an era when South Africa returned to the international game

INTERVIEW

Fanie de Villiers

P.K. Ajith Kumar

Fanie de Villiers was 29 when he made his Test debut. He made up for lost time – South Africa had been banned from international cricket because of the government’s apartheid policy – taking 85 wickets in 18 Tests. In the second of those Tests, in January 1994, he claimed 10 wickets to lead South Africa to a historic five-run victory over Australia at Sydney. He was more than an ideal foil to the lightning-quick Allan Donald. He bowled with control, had variations, including a dreaded off-cutter, and was one of the finest exponents of swing. Excerpts from an interview with the articulate de Villiers:

How difficult were those times when you knew you were good enough for international cricket but thought you may never get the chance because of apartheid?

We were in the doldrums for a good 20 years. But one good thing about those days is that we specialised in cricket in South Africa from the likes of Garth Le Roux, Clive Rice, the Pollock brothers… They brought that knowledge back to South Africa. You must remember that to grow cricket, you need access to knowledge. You need access to different ways and methods and the evolution of those methods. They brought all that back to us in South Africa.

You always had the senior professionals that played in England around you. I was in Northern Transvaal and we had the great West Indies fast bowler Sylvester Clarke, and Ezra Moseley as well. I opened the bowling with Sylvester.

Working with the best from around the world helps you grow as a cricketer. [Dennis Lillee and the MRF Pace Foundation have played a key role but] I think the main reason why India is producing so many more quality fast bowlers today than they did before is the IPL. These bowlers get to bowl alongside the top bowlers from Australia, South Africa, England…

You would have loved to play in the IPL, wouldn’t you? You were a dangerous bowler in limited-overs cricket…

Yes, I would. I was good at bowling at the death. I started the slow balls. And I was able to bowl yorkers more than anybody else. You may remember Adrian Kuiper, the big-hitter. I flew down to Cape Town and said to him, ‘Listen, you gotta help me out. I need to know if I need to bowl yorkers on leg.’ So we tried and he hit my yorkers on the leg and stumps. He hit me everywhere, but outside the off stump, he couldn’t hit me.

How did you develop your skills as a death bowler?

I was from the Afrikaans community, so I struggled to get into the system. I remember the first two or three games I played – against the rebel Australian side led by Kim Hughes – I didn’t get to bowl. And then we played the fourth game and I was thrown the ball to bowl at the end. I didn’t even bowl yorkers then. And Hughes and the guys hit me everywhere. I realised I could not do this. After that game I started practising to bowl yorkers. It was the only way to survive.

I ended up going to the nets, putting a Coke tin on a yorker length. I just couldn’t hit it. Then I thought why didn’t I look at the top of the stumps, and it went a little bit further. And then where the keeper would stand high, I just bowled as quick I could, looking high. And suddenly I bowled the yorker.

> Glenn McGrath, Shaun Pollock and Vernon Philander got more wickets landing close to the stumps when the wicket didn’t help much than a guy that lands wider

GETTY IMAGES

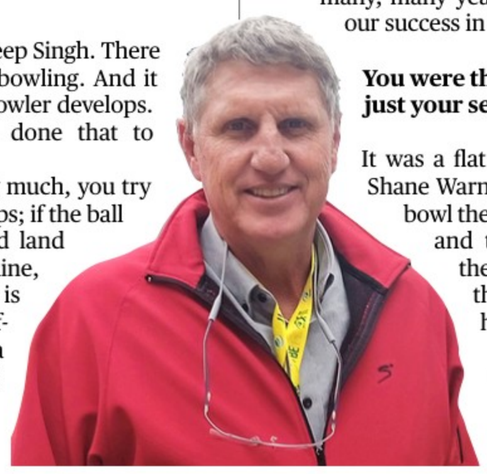
Which swing bowlers have impressed you of late?

Jasprit Bumrah and Arshdeep Singh. There is some science to swing bowling. And it should be taught while a bowler develops. It seems somebody has done that to Arshdeep.

If the ball doesn’t swing much, you try and land close to the stumps; if the ball swings more, you try and land close to the return crease-line, so you go wider, your aim is different, your angle is different, your front foot is a little bit different so that you can bowl to the leg-stump and miss the off-stump, instead of bowling to the off-stump and miss it wide off the stumps. The bowlers must practise with new balls, they must have a swing specialist, not a fast-bowling specialist, to make sure that the curriculum is followed right that covers all those bases.

From inswing bowling, when and how, where you aim, the angles of the run-up, right down to the normal ball that doesn’t swing, what you need to do more, and how you use the crease to actually create that perfect close-to-the-stumps [angle] when the ball doesn’t swing. Glenn McGrath, Shaun Pollock and Vernon Philander got more wickets landing close to the stumps when the wicket didn’t help much than a guy that lands wider.

You need to have a solid system. I believe we have got a little bit more of that in South Africa for many, many years. That is the reason for our success in fast bowling.



You were the Man-of-the-Match in just your second Test…

It was a flat wicket at Sydney, where Shane Warne took 12 wickets. I had to bowl the off-cutter to get variations and that worked well against the left-handers, who nicked them, and against the right-handers, who were lbw.

How did you prepare for South Africa’s return to international cricket?

> You must remember that to grow cricket, you need access to knowledge. You need access to different ways and methods and the evolution of those methods

You must remember we were all doing a normal job at that time. So we were working until 4 o’clock in the afternoon. I was a teacher and practised from 4.30 until 6.00. It gets dark at 6.30, then you can’t practise much more. So I had to do a lot of extra work. A lot of it through my lunch times. I did a lot of gym work. I enjoyed playing provincial cricket. They didn’t pay us those days. But when we heard that there was a chance, they started the cricket academies here. I think we were one of the first countries in the world that started cricket academies where the young players would meet up for six weeks and senior players helped us. That gave us a new perspective of extra training, a lot of hope.

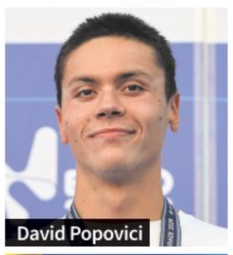
We enjoyed our local cricket so much. Our Benson & Hedges limited-overs tournaments were sold out, be it at Virginia, Bloemfontein, Berea Park or Cape Town. When the opportunity for international cricket came, my daughter was six weeks old, and I said to my wife, ‘I have got a chance of making the team, let’s go to England for six months and train’. So I got myself a job down in the south of England, in Kent. I came back fit and strong, and started playing, but missed the [1992] World Cup, because of a broken foot.

GAME THEORY

Scything through water: the 100m freestyle’s best

Pan Zhanle obliterated his own 100 metres freestyle world record at the Paris Olympics, shaving an incredible 0.40 seconds off his previous mark set at the World Championships in Doha in February. The stunning margin of improvement in such a short span led to some raising questions about its legitimacy: the previous such margin of 0.40 seconds had taken 16 years (47.20 in 2008 to 46.80 in 2024) to achieve. But the 20-year-old said he was clean and had been tested more than 20 times over the past few months. This week, we take a look at the world record progression over the last three decades as well as the fastest 100m swims of all time:

Pan Zhanle



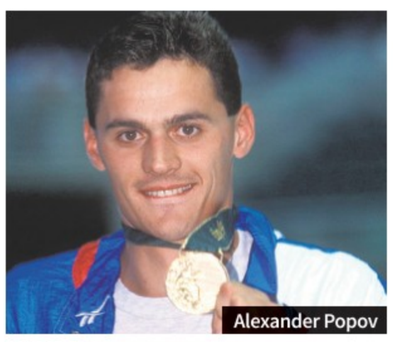
David Popovici

Cesar Cielo

Men’s 100m freestyle: World record progression over the last 30 years

Time	Swimmer	Country	Date	Venue
48.21	Alexander Popov	Russia	18 Jun 1994	Monte-Carlo
48.18	Michael Klim	Australia	16 Sep 2000	Sydney
47.84	Pieter van den Hoogenband	Netherlands	19 Sep 2000	Sydney
47.60	Alain Bernard	France	21 Mar 2008	Eindhoven
47.50	Alain Bernard	France	22 Mar 2008	Eindhoven
47.24	Eamon Sullivan	Australia	11 Aug 2008	Beijing
47.20	Alain Bernard	France	13 Aug 2008	Beijing
47.05	Eamon Sullivan	Australia	13 Aug 2008	Beijing
46.94	Alain Bernard	France	23 Apr 2009	Montpellier
46.91	Cesar Cielo	Brazil	30 Jul 2009	Rome
46.86	David Popovici	Romania	13 Aug 2022	Rome
46.80	Pan Zhanle	China	11 Feb 2024	Doha
46.40	Pan Zhanle	China	31 Jul 2024	Paris

Popov bettered Matt Biondi’s time of 48.42, which had stood since 1988. Biondi set a new mark on four occasions between 1985 and 1988



Alexander Popov

Fastest men’s 100m freestyle swims of all time

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46.91	Cesar Cielo	Brazil	30 Jul 2009	Rome
46.92	Pan Zhanle	China	27 Jul 2024	Paris
46.94	Alain Bernard	France	23 Apr 2009	Montpellier
46.96	Caeleb Dressel	USA	25 Jul 2019	Gwangju
46.97	Pan Zhanle	China	23 Apr 2024	Shenzhen
46.97	Pan Zhanle	China	24 Sep 2023	Hangzhou

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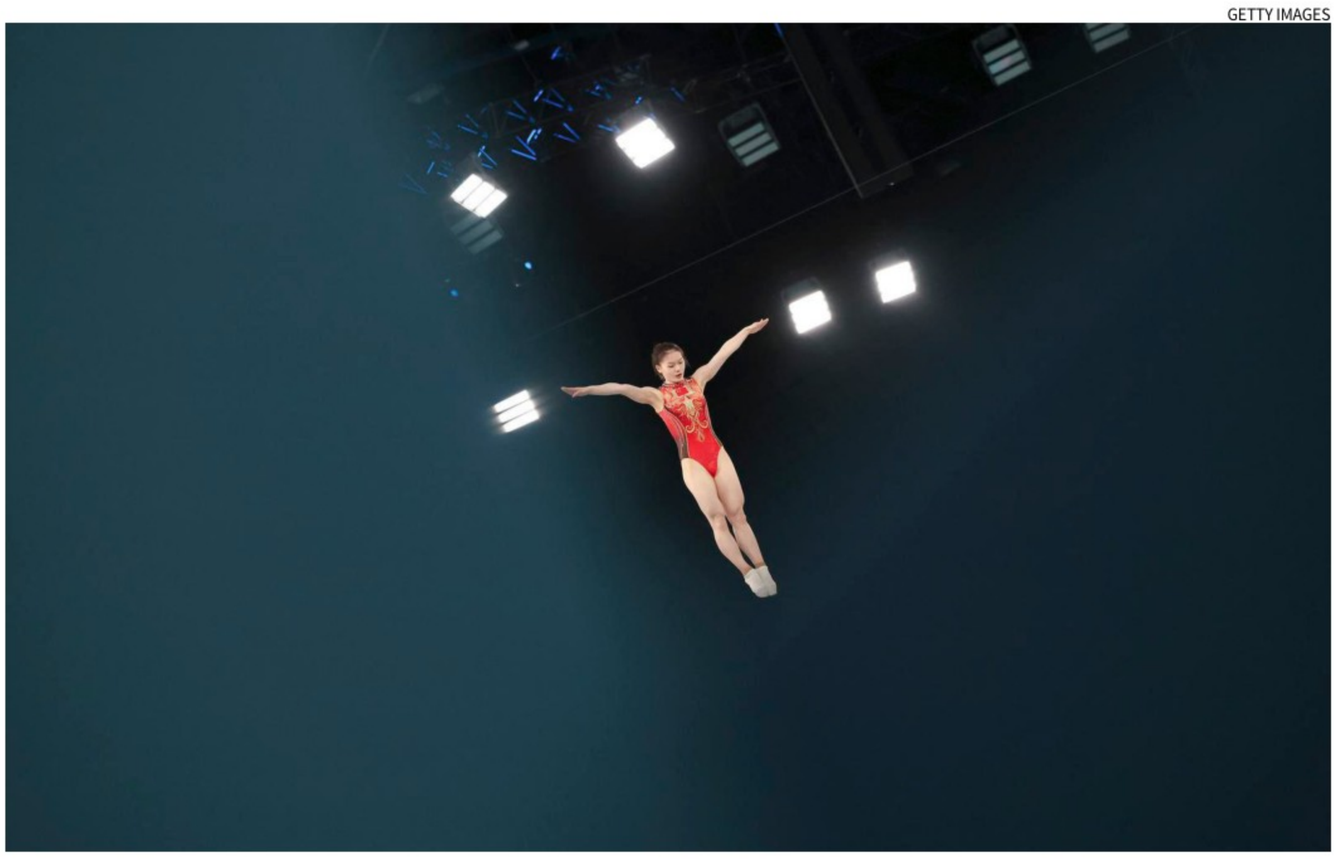

Hang time

A Chinese trampoline gymnast is captured mid-air in this photograph from the Paris Games, offering a sense of just how high the discipline’s elite competitors rise after bouncing.

The idea of trampolining came to American gymnast George Nissen in the 1930s, when he observed trapeze acrobats performing tricks while bouncing off safety nets.

Nissen reportedly built the first prototype trampoline — a rectangular canvas bed of synthetic fabric, attached to a frame with steel springs — which were used as training equipment for astronauts and athletes.

It soon became popular in its own right, with the first trampoline world championships being organised in London in 1964 and the sport joining the International Gymnastics Federation 34 years later.

Trampolining made its first Olympic appearance at Sydney 2000, with men’s and women’s competitions. These two events have remained unchanged since then.

During competition, athletes bounce over eight metres high and perform precise technical routines which are judged on difficulty, execution and time spent in the air.

Land acquisition for Hubballi airport: ED raids KIADB offices in city and Dharwad

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) conducted simultaneous raids on the offices of the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) in Bengaluru and Dharwad on Friday.

The ED had recently registered an Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR) in connection with an alleged scandal in land acquisition for the Hubballi airport.

The ED brought former Chief Finance Officer Vani to the KIADB headquarters at Khanija Bhavan in Bengaluru and questioned her along with the current CFO Prakash. The ED also examined documents and files in the Dharwad office of the KIADB. A Karnataka Rakshana Vedike activist from Dharwad had lodged a complaint regarding the alleged scam to the ED, sources said.

A file photo of the Hubballi airport.

There were four FIRs registered in Dharwad in 2022 and 2023 in connection with the alleged scam, of which one of the cases has been transferred to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) and the rest are being probed by the local police.

In the case being probed by the CID, 14 persons, including four KIADB officials and officials of IDBI Bank, Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank, and Bank of Baroda, have been named as accused.

The Special Land Acquisition Officer of the KIADB, in his complaint in 2022, said that in 2011-12 the KIADB acquired land for the airport and duly compensated the beneficiaries. But officials and private persons colluded and created fake documents (in 2021) claiming to be owners of the land, and claimed compensation again.

In this particular case, the KIADB has paid compensation of ₹19.99 crore, which was credited into multiple accounts in the three banks and from where the money was siphoned off.

Following this case in 2022, at least three other similar instances, where private individuals forged documents to claim ownership of land acquired by the KIADB and got fresh compensation, came to light and fresh FIRs were registered.

Based on these FIRs, the ED has now registered an ECIR and conducted the raids on Friday.

CCTV camera footage shows PSI had health issue hours before he was found dead

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) probing the death of police sub-inspector (PSI) Parashuram, who was found dead on August 3 at his residence in Yadgir in north Karnataka, has now found CCTV camera footage from hours before his death, which shows that he had a health issue.

On August 3 morning, Parashuram went to a private bank and withdrew ₹15,000. While he was at the bank, CCTV camera footage shows that he almost collapsed, took some rest, and drank water before leaving.

'Stressed'

He was found dead later in the afternoon on his bed, with his nose and mouth bleeding. His wife alleged that he was stressed over his premature transfer from the Yadgir police station and that Channareddy Patil Tannur, local Congress MLA, and his son Pampanagouda had demanded a bribe of ₹30 lakh to cancel the transfer.

Police sub-inspector Parashuram FILE PHOTO

She raised doubts about her husband's death in her complaint, based on which the Yadgir police booked the MLA and his son for abetment for suicide.

However, the police suspect the PSI died of a heart attack. "In the given context, the CCTV camera footage from the bank showing Parashuram clearly having a health issue is key evidence in the case," a senior official said, adding that while they would not be able to come to a conclusion from the visual, it seemed like he was having an attack.

The PSI did not consult any doctor that day, but went home and slept, only to be found dead hours later, investigation has revealed. CID officials are waiting for the autopsy report and the forensic report to ascertain the cause of death.

Money recovered

Meanwhile, the CID teams conducted mahazar of the official quarters of Parashuram in Yadgir on Friday. They have recovered ₹7.33 lakh in cash and empty letterheads of the accused MLA, sources said.

Parashuram's father-in-law reportedly claimed that he had mobilised the money by selling gold jewellery and handed it over to Parashuram, days before his death.

This attains significance in the light of the wife's complaint that the MLA had demanded ₹30 lakh to cancel his premature transfer.

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Curse of youth will fall on public administration: HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The time has come to state that in the realm of public employment, recruitment process has to be undertaken periodically with a fair degree of regularity, said the High Court of Karnataka, while pointing out that prolonged delay in filling up vacancies in public administration would severely affects youngsters.

"When accumulated vacancies are continued indefinitely that would not only affect the efficacy of public administration but render many qualified and eligible job aspirants age barred. It needs no research to know that there has been a heartburn among the younger generation legitimately aspiring for public employment that the recruitment process is not periodically undertaken. Even those bordering the age bar too would suffer a great anxiety," the court observed.

A Division Bench, comprising Justice Krishna S. Dixit and Justice Vijaykumar A. Patil, made these observations while dismissing an appeal filed by Life Insurance Corporation, which had questioned a direction issued by a single judge to appoint a candidate who was on top of the shortlisted candidates to certain existing vacant posts during 2019-2020. "It becomes more imperative when the evil of unemployment is plaguing our system. An argument to the contrary, if countenanced, would render a large chunk of eligible youths aspiring for public employment barred owing to age. Their curse would fall on all branches of the system," the Bench observed.

The Bench said: "There is something called ageing process that spares none. This needs to be kept in view by the authorities that be. A large chunk of educated youths cannot be deprived of the opportunity of public employment, which is constitutionally guaranteed."

State to reserve 25% government quota seats in deemed-to-be medical varsities

They are functioning as per norms laid down by University Grants Commission, while other government and private colleges are under RGUHS

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

The government has decided to reserve 25% of the enhanced seats in undergraduate (UG) and postgraduate (PG) courses in all deemed-to-be medical universities in the State as government quota seats, as per the rules of the Karnataka Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admission and Determination of Fee) Act, 2006.

The Principal Secretary of Medical Education held two meetings with the managements of deemed-to-be medical universities. According to sources, most of them have agreed to give government quota seats.

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A total of 1,650 seats are available in deemed-to-be medical universities.

The deemed-to-be medical universities are functioning as per norms laid down by the University Grants Commission (UGC), while all other government and private colleges are under the purview of the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS).

At present, the seat sharing system is 40% of medical seats is for government quota, 40% for private management quota, 15% under Non Residential Indian (NRI) quota, and 5% for management quota. All private colleges under the RGUHS are offering 40% seats under the government quota.

However, most of the deemed-to-be medical universities were not offering government quota seats. They were refusing to give government quota seats on the ground that they are bound by UGC rules, and not that of the State Government and RGUHS. Therefore, all the seats sanctioned to them were filled as private quota, NRI and management quota seats.

What PGET rules state

According to the Karnataka Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admission and Determination of Fee) Act, 2006 (PGET Rules 2006-24), the deemed-to-be medical universities following the UGC rules must offer 25% of the total seats allotted to their colleges under government quota.

B.L. Sujatha Rathod, Director, Directorate of Medical Education, told The Hindu, "Despite following the UGC rules, as per the rules of PGET, it is mandatory for deemed-to-be medical universities to offer 25% enhanced seats under the government quota. However, only a few of them were offering government quota seats. A meeting of the deemed-to-be medical universities managements was held under the supervision of the Principal Secretary of the Medical Education Department, and they have been told to give government quota seats for UG and PG medical courses. Most of them have agreed while some have said that they will discuss with the management before taking a decision."

Every year, medical colleges are required to submit 'Essentiality Certificate and Feasibility Certificate' to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of the Union government.

The State government will issue the 'Essentiality Certificate and Feasibility Certificate' to medical colleges after thoroughly checking the facilities available in the institution, number of doctors, and compliance with rules.

Sources said that if deemed-to-be medical universities do not provide the government quota seats as per the rules, the State government will not issue the 'Essentiality Certificate and Feasibility Certificate'.

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High-yielding crop varieties of IIHR to be released by Modi

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A total of 13 high-yielding climate resilient and nutrient rich varieties of fruit, vegetable, flowers, and medicinal crops developed by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)-Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR) will be released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday in New Delhi.

Mr. Modi will be releasing 109 climate-resilient varieties of different field and horticulture crops on that day.

Arka Vaibhav, which is a variety of tuberose and is ideal for cut flowers with a yield level of 2.5 to 3 lakh spikes per hectare, and Arka Shreeya, a crossandra variety which is large and novel with orange-reddish flowers with resistance to Phytophthora, will also be released.

IIITB gets 12B status from UGC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The International Institute of Information Technology-Bangalore (IIITB) has been granted the 12B status by the University Grants Commission (UGC) under Section 12 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The 12B status brings with it numerous benefits to the institution like Central funding for research and development initiatives, academic autonomy to innovate and excel in curricula and pedagogy, scholarships for students and infrastructure development, international collaborations and NAAC accreditation.

"This prestigious recognition marks a significant milestone in our institution's journey, as it opens up enhanced opportunities for research and development funding from government bodies. With this status, IIITB is now eligible to receive financial assistance to further advance our research endeavours, particularly in specialised and emerging fields such as translatable research," said Debabrata Das, Director, IIITB.

Small actions can significantly slow down climate change: Somanath

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Small actions at the individual level can significantly slow down climate change, said ISRO chairman S. Somanath on Friday.

Speaking at a symposium on 'Climate Change: Science, Projections and Climate Action', Dr. Somanath said that small actions like planting more and addressing water pollution can slow down the impact of climate change.

"It's important to understand that climate change is a natural process that cannot be entirely eliminated. We must learn how to adapt to these changes and live in a way that allows us to continue thriving without facing the threat of extinction," Dr. Somanath said.

J. Srinivasan, Distinguished Scientist, Divecha Centre for Climate Change, IISc., said that in 2001, an intergovernmental panel on climate change had warned that heat stress was expected in mid- to high-altitude cities.

"We are now seeing the results, and the recent rise in temperatures across the country shows how bad it can get and it will only get worse," he said.

He added that we are now in a state where the temperature is rising by one degree Celsius every 100 years, unlike the past when it took 10,000 years.

"The heatwaves are not only a threat to human life but also to food security, as the number of heat hours is increasing year-by-year. The youth should be the most concerned, as they are our future," he added.

Snake worship

People performing rituals at a temple on the occasion of Nagara Panchami in Bengaluru on Friday.
SUDHAKARA JAIN

'Donate more CSR funds for health sector'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao on Friday called upon companies to donate more CSR funds towards the health sector. "CSR funds can be strategically utilised to address various healthcare challenges in the State and improve the overall healthcare infrastructure and service delivery," he said.

He was speaking at the second roundtable on health jointly organised by the Health Department and the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (C-CAMP) in Bengaluru.

Following the previous roundtable last November, C-CAMP has worked with the department and the National Health Mission to deploy healthcare solutions for maternal and child care and comprehensive eyecare across the State.

Stating that the department has made a significant impact in the last year, he said: "The progress since our last roundtable is proof of the power of collaborative efforts."

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'Stealing behaviour that is not kleptomania could be influenced by emotional instability'

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

A case report by a team of researchers from NIMHANS has revealed that stealing behaviour is influenced by emotional instability, underlying personality vulnerabilities, a negative self-concept and coping mechanisms. The study titled 'Psychopathology Underlying Stealing Behaviour' was published in the *Malaysian Journal of Psychiatry* in July.

Stealing behaviour that is repeated, has been observed in individuals who do not meet the description of kleptomania, an impulse control disorder that results in an irresistible urge to steal, the paper said.

"Those with specific psychological conditions may be more prone to resort to stealing as a coping mechanism for their emotions," said Manoj Kumar Sharma, professor, Department of Clinical Psychology, who also heads the SHUT Clinic at NIMHANS, and is the corresponding author of the study.

A study on stealing behaviour was carried out by a team of researchers from NIMHANS.

Aimed at exploring the psychopathology that underlies the activity of stealing, the study has presented the case of a young adult female patient from a nuclear family. "She had a history of parental neglect, poor coping mechanisms, emotional dysregulation and impulsive behaviour, in addition to frequent stealing," said Dr. Sharma.

"The first time the girl stole something was during her early adolescence. The patient reported feeling extremely guilty after the act and felt she was a bad person. There have been a few other incidents where she stole trivial things, such as clothes, Maggi, chips, and chocolates. She reported having no awareness of what was going through her mind and felt that her body was moving on its own," the doctor said.

"The case report has demonstrated the role of stealing in coping with chronic parental criticism and neglect. The patient had a negative self-concept and emotional instability, which was further exacerbated by her poor coping. Furthermore, the acts are followed by feelings of guilt and shame, and are not motivated by thrill-seeking tendencies," he said, explaining the case.

Pointing out that a wide range of factors can lead to stealing, including lack of resources, peer pressure, a desire for the product, impulse control, and behavioural modelling, Dr. Sharma said stealing activities have also been linked to other psychopathologies, including drug abuse, mood disorders, anxiety disorders, and obsessive-compulsive disorders.

Stating that not all acts of repeated stealing fall under the category of kleptomania, Dr. Sharma said some people who steal or shoplift repeatedly feel guilty or regretful rather than satisfied with their actions.

Three-day celebration of literature, art, cultural dialogue begins

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Book Brahma Literature Festival (BBLF) 2024 began on Friday at the St. John's Auditorium, Koramangala, launching a three-day celebration of literature, art, and cultural dialogue.

The opening day was a collage of discussions on various subjects, including AI, translations, modern poetry, languages, film, autobiographies, and Dalit feminism.

Speaking at the inaugural conference, Satish Chapparike, Director of BBLF 2024, highlighted the festival's mission to foster a literary culture that transcends boundaries and celebrates the diversity of south Indian languages and traditions.

The inaugural session, titled *Tenkana Nudi Kaudi*, featured a panel from diverse linguistic literary traditions of south India, including H.S. Shivaprakash, B. Jeyamohan, Volga, Vivek Shanbhag, and K. Satchidanandan.

Guests during the inaugural function of Book Brahma Literature Festival 2024 at the St. John's Auditorium on Friday.

The day concluded with cultural performances, including *Poetry in Action* by Manasi Sudhir and *Kannada Kavya Kanaja* by Mysuru's theatre team Natana, directed by Shripad Bhat. The Book Brahma Kadambari Puraskara-2024 award ceremony was presented by Tamil author and scholar Perumal Murugan, honouring literary contributors from across south India.

The festival continues on Saturday and Sunday at the same venue.

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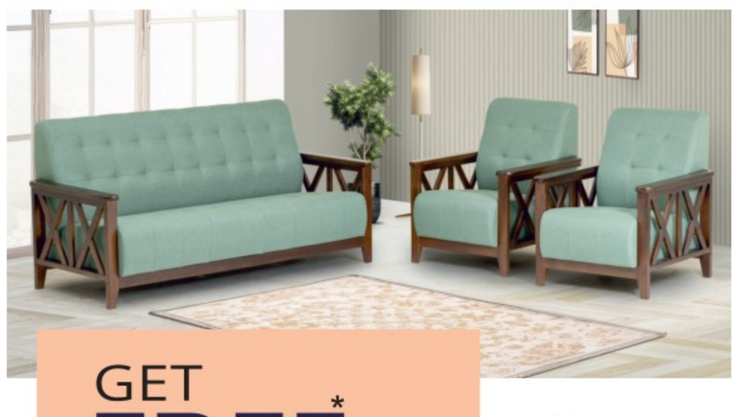

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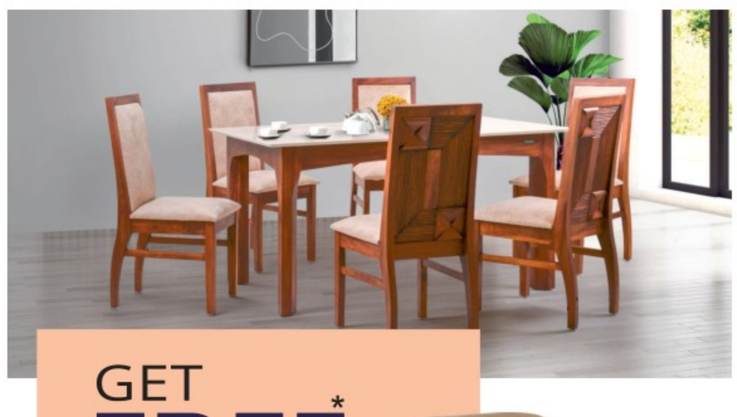

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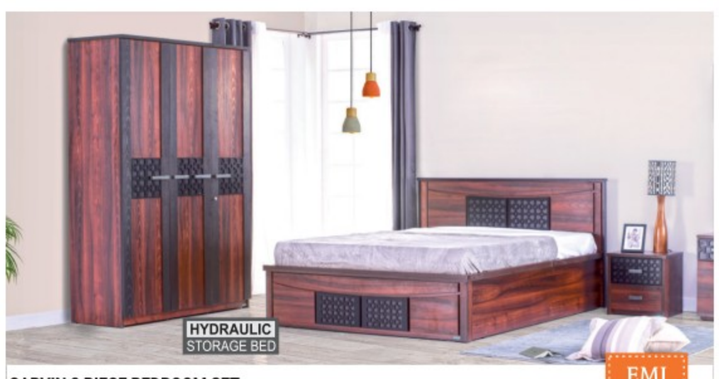

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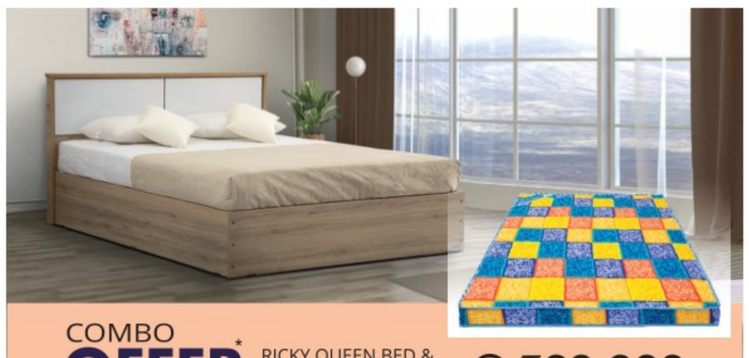

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A scenic view from home

Developers in Chennai join hands with landscape architects to create sophisticated outdoor spaces in residential projects

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Landscape architecture plays a key role in managing water and energy resources, besides improving air quality.

ROHIT MAROL
Founder and principal, Terra Firma

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Landscaping is increasingly becoming a key focus in residential projects in Chennai, with innovative elements such as forests and waterbodies being integrated into the designs. Whether they are mid-range apartments, luxury residences or individual homes, there is a growing emphasis on attractive outdoor areas.

Developers in Chennai are engaging top landscape architects to add value and expertise to their projects, while also strengthening their internal landscaping teams.

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According to real estate players, well-designed landscaping boosts the visual appeal of residential areas, fostering a pleasant and inviting atmosphere. Homes with attractive landscaping often see increased property values, enhancing both rental and resale potential. "Plants and trees in landscaping contribute to a healthier environment by absorbing carbon dioxide, producing oxygen, and reducing air pollution. They also help to control soil erosion and improve water quality by filtering rainwater," says G. Diliban, Managing Director of Etica Developers, a firm that primarily focuses on the luxury segment.

Landscape architects say that currently, 70-80% of ongoing and upcoming real estate projects in Chennai are allocating a major portion of their land for landscaping purposes.

Even individuals setting up homes in smaller plots prefer landscaping, by collaborating with less formal, or unorganised service providers.

Rohit Marol, founder and principal of Terra Firma, a landscape architect who recently completed the World Trade Centre project on Old Mahabalipuram Road (OMR) says, "Traditionally, we found Chennai to be a very conservative market not willing to see the tangible and intangible benefits of designed outdoor spaces. Maybe the hot humid climate added to this. In a way, the pandemic helped in seeing the outdoors as healthier, cleaner and safer. Today, we see people finding a lot of comfort in outdoor relaxation areas, work zones and dining spaces. There has also been a thrust towards sustainable development practices due to depleting natural resources and climate change. Landscape architecture is playing a key role in managing water and energy resources, besides improving air quality."

Citing examples of some of her landscaping works, Arati Chari, Principal Landscape Architect, Genius Loci, says that at a Brigade Xanadu 33-acre township in Chennai, a Miyawaki forest runs through the project creating a thick green belt all around. Rainwater harvesting and many other sustainable features were made a part of the landscape design. In another project for Appaswamy Real Estates, a natural stream or *nullah* that ran through the site initially was retained in the project design as a water feature.

Chari says, "It is good to see more developers and builders these days creating not just pretty landscapes as a commodity, but landscape as a value system for environmental health, and social and emotional wellbeing."

Cost factors

On an average, developers invest ₹60 to ₹150 per sq.ft. for landscaping. The amount varies depending on location and landscaping products used. A substantial amount of money is spent every month on maintenance. High-end developers often update their landscapes regularly to reflect the latest trends.

Ajay Koshy, Head, Design and Development, Brigade Group, said, "Our design process begins with a thorough study of the existing ecology, topography, and native trees. Instead of treating the site as a blank canvas, we integrate these natural elements into our designs. If construction overlaps with existing trees, they are carefully transplanted and nurtured to preserve the native flora."

The group has an internal team of comprising a senior landscape architect, a landscape engineer, and a team of seven horticulturists. This team works along with external consultants from firms like Terra Firma, Tropland, Genius Loci, and Designcell. Brigade Group also has international consultants like NBBJ and CPG.

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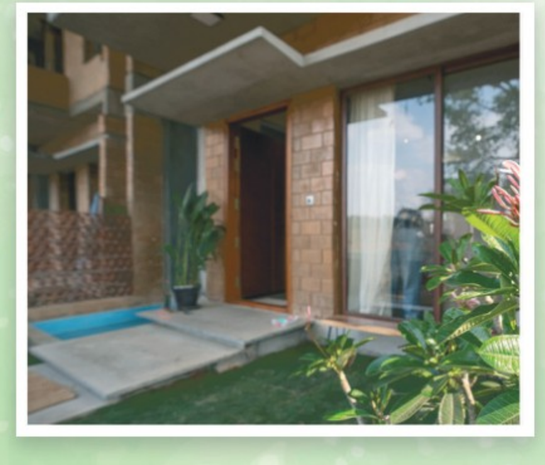

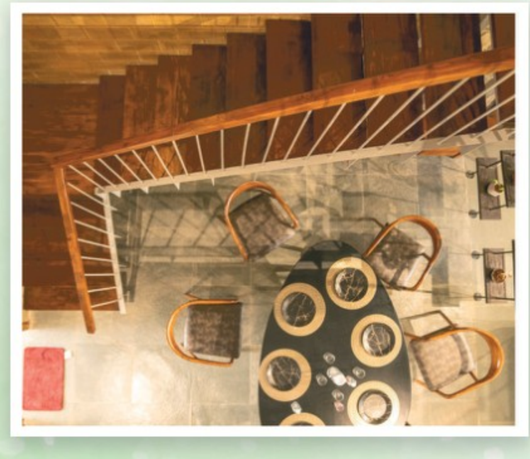

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'World Kundapur Kannada Day' celebrations on August 17 and 18

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This year's edition of 'World Kundapur Kannada Day' (Vishwa Kundapur Kannada Dina) will be held on August 17 and 18.

Considering the popularity of this programme, which celebrates the unique dialect of Kannada spoken in Kundapur and the cultural identity of the coastal town, the organisers have widened its scope by deciding to hold it at the palace grounds on a grand scale.

This is the fifth edition of the annual event, which is being organised by the Kundapura Kannada Prathishtana, Bengaluru.

According to prathishtana president Deepak Shetty Barkuru, nearly 70% of visitors could not even enter the venue earlier when the event was being held at the Bunts' Sangha hall in Vijayanagar.

This was the reason for moving to a bigger venue, he explained.

The event will begin on August 17 with *dhibbana*, which is a procession by participants to the venue from 10 different locations in Bengaluru.

It will be followed by rendition of famous songs with a coastal flavour. While the inauguration of the programme will feature *nudi chaavadi*, dedicated to speeches, artists will perform Yakshagana at night titled *jodaata*.

The organisers are expecting a turnout of 15,000 persons for the Yakshagana that will be attended by, among others, several film stars.

The two-day event will feature *bayalaata* (rural sports), *rathothsava* (chariot procession), an ensemble of African and Kundapur music, a food fair showcasing traditional delicacies of Kundapur, *bujabala parakrama* (tug-of-war), a special dance show of Kundapur, the traditional fair of Kundapur, a programme involving cine stars from the region, rendition of poems of music director Ravi Basruru and a stand-up comedy show.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Smt. POPURI SHILPA CHOWDARY, W/o. Sri. Chittipothu Murali Krishna & Sri. CHITTIPOTHU MURALI KRISHNA, S/o. Sri. Chittipothu Hari Babu have entered into an agreement of sale dated 05-08-2024 in respect of the schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration with its owner, Smt. Arveti Kamakshi, D/o. Sri. Arveti Daiva Raksha, Residing at No. 7-34, Gandhi Nagar, Dharmavaram, 7-Ward, Ananthpuram, Andhra Pradesh.

If any persons, banks, financial institutions etc., having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of your such claims, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE

Vacant property bearing Site No. 25, form in Old Sy. No. 34, New Sy. No. 34/2, situated at Sulikunte Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk measuring East to West 39.11+38.11/2 Ft. & North to South 30 Ft, total measuring 1182 Sq. Ft., and bounded on the : East by : Nandinaganna (Sy. No.29), West by : 28 Feet Road, North by : Site No. 24, South by : Site No.26.

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Public are informed that my client **"Mr.Suresh S/o. Boregowda"**, Residing at # 1/4, 1st Main Road, Hampinagar, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560 040, intends to purchase the Property bearing No.15, Municipal Khatha No.21, PID No.40-174-21, measuring East to West 15 feet and North to South 40 feet, along with Building, situated at **BBMP present Ward No.132, (Old No.40), Maruthi Nagar, 5th Main Road (Nagarabhavi Sy.No.48/A), Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Tauk**, now within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru, which is bounded as follows:

East by : Property No.16,
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South by : Road.

From its owner **Mr.T.Govindaraj S/o. late Thimmaiah**, Residing at # 21, 5th Main Road, 5th Cross, Maruthinagar Bangalore – 560 072.

Persons having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within **15 days** from the date of this notice, failing which it would be presumed that there are no claims over the said property.

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This is to inform the general public that my client is intending to purchase the Schedule Property from **Mr. Maruthi M, Mr. M Lakshminarayana and Mr. M Govardhan, all are children of Late Mahaveerasa and all are** residing at No. 1192/B, 18th B Main, 5th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010, the said property was acquired through a Registered Partition Deed, Dated 19.01.2009 and duly registered as Document No. SRI-1-02086-2008-09 of Book-I and stored at CD No. SRID82 before the office of the Sub-registrar, Srirampuram, Bangalore, in respect of the Schedule Property as mentioned below.

Any person/s having any objection, claim, interest, dispute for the above intended sale transaction, he/she/they may contact the undersigned with the documentary proof substantiating his/her/their objections /claims/ details of dispute/s within **Fifteen (15) days** from the date of this publication, failing which, my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction as if there are no third party claims/ objections/ disputes in respect of the Schedule Property and thereafter no claims/ objections/disputes will be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing **Site No. 4,** in the layout plan sanctioned by Bangalore Development Authority and which is carved out of Sy. No. 23 and 12 of **Nagarbhavi Village, II Stage, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk** which is formed by The NGEF Employees House Building Co-operative Society Limited and measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet, in all measuring **2400 Sq.ft** and bounded on:

East by : Site No. 3,
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North by : Site No. 1 and RFD,
South by : Road.

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Advocate and Legal Consultant
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No. 1250, Manutej Towers, Magadi Main Road, Agrahara Dasarahalli, Bangalore-560079.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients intend to purchase all that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing old No.157, New No. 8, PID No.14-40-8 measuring East to West : 40 feet and North to South : 30 Feet, in all measuring 1200 Square Feet, with residential consisting of Ground Floor, First Floor, situated at 1st 'K' Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru, morefully described in the schedule written hereunder and herein after referred to as **SCHEDULE PROPERTY** from its owner **Mr. VEERABHADRAIAH R.** S/o Late Rudraiah. If there is/are any claim/s or interest/s over the Schedule Property of whatsoever nature, the interested person/s, bank/s, creditor/s, financial institution/s, firm/s, statutory authorities or any others must present his / their / its claims /objections with the undersigned, in writing, **within Fifteen (15) days** from the date of publication of this notice. If no valid claims or objections are received by the undersigned within such time, our client will proceed with the sale transaction with the present owners and thereafter no claims of any nature will be entertained or considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing old No.157, New No. 8, PID No.14-40-8 measuring East to West: 40 feet and North to South: 30 Feet, in all measuring 1200 Square Feet, with residential building consisting of Ground Floor and First Floor, situated at 1st 'K' Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru and bounded on the:

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We are investigating title to the Schedule Property. Any person/s having any manner of claims/ objections for the proposed purchase may lodge their claims/ objections with the undersigned, with documentary evidence within **Fifteen (15) days** from the date of this publication. Any claims/ objections received thereafter will not be binding on my client and my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property as if there are no claims/ objections.

SCHEDULE –PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Land bearing Old Sy.No.75, New Sy. No.75/P2, situated at Byramangala Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagaram Taluk and District, measuring to an extent of 1.00 Acre 20 Guntas and bounded on the: **East by:** Hosur Village Boundary; **West by:** Road; **North by:** Government Land; **South by:** Harohalli Road.

Y.S.H.Reddy, Advocate
No.503, 1st Floor, Sai Leela Suites, 1st Main,7th Cross, H.M.T. Layout, Parallel to 80 Feet Road, R.T.Nagar, Bengaluru- 560 032. Mobile: 98863 78570.

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1) ಪಾವತಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ : ರೂ. 95,015/–. 2) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 26.08.2024, ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆ. 3) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27.08.2024, ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆ. 4) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 31.08.2024.

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1	Mysuru-AD-OOH-105	Advertisement / Out of Home	14-08-2024 & 10:30 Hrs.
2	Mysuru-PMBJK-DVG-3	PMBJK / PMBJK	14-08-2024 & 11:00 Hrs.
3	Mysuru-AD-RLXZN104	Misc-Static-Services / Relaxation Chair	14-08-2024 & 15:00 Hrs.
4	Mysuru-SLR-TRAINS	Parcel / SLR	22-08-2024 & 11:00 Hrs.

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No. MANIT/S&P/2024:ECE-05 Date: 06/08/2024

ADVERTISED TENDER ENQUIRY

Name of Goods/Items : **Vector Network Analyzer**

Online Tenders are invited for aforesaid Goods/ Items. Interested Manufacturers/ Authorized Partner/Agencies may log on Institute website www.manit.ac.in and CPPP website https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app for further details. Tender Document can be downloaded after registration of bidder on CPP Portal of Government of India.

Last date of E-submission of complete tender document is 29-08-2024 up to 17.00 hours. The Director of the Institute reserves the right to accept or reject any or the entire tender in full or in part without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Registrar

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients have entered into an agreement to purchase the Schedule Property from its owners: **Sri.MOHAMMED HANIEF** S/o late T.H.Abdul Rahim, **his mother Smt.A.K.SHAHEEDA BEGUM and sister Miss.SHABREEN TAJ,** residing at No.C-017, Plumeria Lifestyle-Brigade Meadows, Kanakapura Road, Opp.Anjaneya Temple, Saalu Hunase Village, Kaggalipura, Bengaluru-560082.

Apart from the said owners, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title, interest or claim or charge or either by way of Agreement or Mortgage or maintenance or any other right or charge or lien in or over the Schedule property, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the supporting legal documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within **14 days** from the date of Publication of this Notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

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GOUTAM ASSOCIATES
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004.

Information & Public Relations Department
Government of Jharkhand,
Suchana Bhawan, Ranchi.

Request for Proposal (RFP)

Online RFP are invited from eligible reputed qualified firms /companies with sound Technical and Financial capabilities for **Selection of Agency for Mapping Show at Hatte Bazaar's in different Districts of Jharkhand.**

1.The following table provides a quick overview of the key activities and some important information about this RFP:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Details
1.1	RFP Reference No.	1227
1.2	RFP issuing Authority	**Director, Information & Public Relations Department** Government of Jharkhand, Address:-Suchana Bhawan, Ranchi.
1.3	Name of the Project	**Selection of Agency for Mapping Show at Hatte Bazaar's in different Districts of Jharkhand.**
1.4	Date of issue of tender document	09-08-2024; 05:30 PM
1.5	Last date and time of submission of RFP document	20-08-2024; 03:00PM
1.6	Pre Bid Meeting	14-08-2024; 03:00 PM
1.7	Date of opening of Bids / RFP	21-08-2024; 03:00 PM
1.8	Date of Presentation	On same day after the opening of technical bid.
1.9	Mode of Submission of Tender / RFP	Online at www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in
1.10	EMD	The bidders are required to submit the EMD amounting **Rs. 5,00,000/- (Five Lakh only)** through Online Mode
1.11	Address of communication	Information & Public Relations Department, Government of Jharkhand, Suchana Bhawan, Ranchi. Tel: 0651-2281522, 0651-2282458 **E-Mail: iprd123@gmail.com**

The Terms & Conditions and detailed copy of the RFP document should be obtained from departmental website (www.prdjharkhand.in) or may also be downloaded from the website www.jharkhand tenders.gov.in. The Bidder will submit the tender at the website of Jharkhand Government (www.jharkhand tenders.gov.in).

SD/-Director
Information & Public Relations Department
PR 332332 (IPRD)24-25*D

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No: IISERBPR/DOFA/2024/2 **CORRIGENDUM** Dt :09/08/2024

Please refer to the advertisement No: IISERBPR/DOFA/2024/2 dated 08.08.2024 as published in this paper on 09th Aug 2024 regarding recruitment of Faculty Positions. The area of specialization as given in the earlier table is corrected to be read as under:

S. No.	Position	Department	Vacancy with category	Area of Specialization
1	Professor	Chemical Sciences	01 (UR)	Synthetic Organic Chemistry, Bio-organic Chemistry
2	Assistant Professor-G-1	Earth & Environmental Sciences **	02 (UR-1, SC-1)	Environmental Chemistry, Hydrogeology, Geochemistry, Structural Geology, Economic Geology
3	Assistant Professor-G-1	Computer Sciences	01 (OBC(NCL)	Algorithms, Complexity, Science of Computer Programming, Data Sciences
4	Assistant Professor-G-1	Biological Sciences	01 (ST)	Immunology, Ecological Sciences, Structural Biology, Animal Physiology, Neuro Biology.

All other terms and conditions of reference advertisement published on 09th Aug 2024 will remain the same. **Registrar**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
TOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ALAND
Kalaburagi District, Kalaburagi, E-mail: ka.aland.tmc@gmail.com

No.TMC Aland/SFC & 15TH FIN/2023-24 Date: 08.08.2024

-: SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION :-

The Chief Officer, TMC Aland Dist Kalaburagi invites tenders in accordance with KTPP Act 1999 rules 2000 through E-Procurement 2.0 Portal in two cover system using for SFC CAPITAL ASSET / SCSP / TSP 2023-24 & 15TH FINANCE TIED AND UNTIED GRANTS 2023-24 Project Kalaburagi District works as detailed below:-

1) Description of Work: DMA/2024-25/WS/WORK_INDENT25656- Others, DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT25379- ST, DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT25337- Others, DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT25253- SC, DMA/2024-25/HL/WORK_INDENT25226- Others, 2) Amount put to Tender (Rs. In Lakhs) : **Minimum : 2.80, Maximum : 83.60**

Contractors can download and submit the tenders from dated: 20.08.2024 through E-procurement 2.0 portal at **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Calendar of Events and other information are as follows:

1) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications: **23.08.2024 up to 4.00 PM**, 2) Last Date & Time for receipt of Tenders : **23.08.2024 up to 5.30 PM**, 3) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid : **26.08.2024 at 11.00 AM**, 4) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid: **28.08.2024 at 11.00 AM**

Sd/- Chief Officer,
TMC Aland

DIPR/Kalaburagi/313/KSMC&A/2024-25

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, लोहरदगा
(rdsd.lohardaga@rediffmail.com)

ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
ई–निविदा सूचना संख्या– **RDD/SD/LOHARDAGA/E-04/2024-25**

1.कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणी :–

क्रम संख्या	कार्य का नाम	परिमाण विपत्र की राशि	अग्रधन की राशि	परिमाण विपत्र का मुल्य	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
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1	लोहरदगा जिला के पेषरार प्रखण्ड में सीरम पंचायत अवस्थित ग्राम सांगोडीह में दोमुहान पनघट के गाला नदी पर उच्च स्तरीय सेतु निर्माण।	**3,01,19,400.00**	**6,02,500.00**	**10,000.00**	18 माह
2	लोहरदगा जिलान्तर्गत पेषरार प्रखण्ड के रोरद एवं चांदगो के बीच (बागधर) नदी पर पुल निर्माण।	**3,51,95,100.00**	**7,04,000.00**	**10,000.00**	18 माह

2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि :– 14.08.2024
3.ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय :– दिनांक 14.08.2024 से दिनांक 04.09.2024 को अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक।
4.ई–निविदा खोलने का स्थान :– कार्यपालक अभियंता, कार्यालय ग्रामीण विकास विशेश प्रमण्डल, लोहरदगा।
5.ई–निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :– दिनांक 06.09.2024 पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे
6.ई–निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :– कार्यपालक अभियंता ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल,लोहरदगा।
7. ई–निविदा प्रकोश्ठ का दुरभाश संख्या :– 06526–295021
8.परिमाण विपत्र की राशि घट–बढ़ सकती है तदनुसार अग्रधन की राशि देय होगी।
9.निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि केवल Online Mode द्वारा स्वीकार्य होगी।
10.निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि का ई–भुगतान संवेदक द्वारा जिस बैंक खाता से किया जायेगा, उसी खाते में अग्रधन की राशि वापस होगी। अगर बैंक खाता को बंद कर दिया जाता है तो उसकी सारी जवाबदेही संवेदक की होगी।

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BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

RPCL invites bids through GOK Kpp Platform **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in), (1) KPCL/2023-24/EL/WORK_INDENT 1315/Call-2, Dated: 03.08.2024** under works category for **"Comprehensive maintenance of 05 no. of Universal make Rack & Pinion type lifts at YTPS CHP area for 2 Years'. Last Date & Time for bid submission along with Technical & Financial bid : 14.08.2024 upto 16:30 hrs. (2) KPCL/2024-25/ PS/WORK_INDENT1758/ Call-2, Date: 05.08.2024,** Chemical cleaning and followed by high pressure jet cleaning of condenser tubes at YTPS : **EMD Rs. 1,98,100/-. (3) KPCL/202425/EL/WORK_INDENT1780,** Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 2V, 100AH, 110 V DC VRLA maintenance free batteries and accessories including buy back of released batteries at 11 KV substation YTPS. **(4) KPCL/ 2024 25/PS/IND01510/ CALL-4,** Hiring of scaffolding including erection and dismantling for Unit-1 800MW Boiler during annual overhanding for the year 2024-25, **Last date of receipt of Tender: 12.08.2024 at 16:30 hrs. (for Sl. No. 1, 2 & 3).** Further details can be obtained from the Executive Engineer (E-2), **Mobile : 948083062 (for Sl.No.1),** Executive Engineer (M-1) **(for Sl. No. 2 & 4),** Executive Engineer (E-1) **(for Sl.No. 3), Mobile: 9480682551,** RPCL, Yermarus Thermal Power Station, Yermarus 584134, Raichur Dist.

Town Municipal Council Office, Shikaripura-577427

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No.: TMCS/Personnel/e Tender/15/2024-25 Date: 08.08.2024

Re- Tender Notice

(Through Public Procurement Portal of GoK)

Tenders are invited through e-procurement portal as per Karnataka Standard Tender Documents and as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000 from eligible contractors registered in Public Works Department for the present block period for establishment of Material Recovery Facilities (MRF) for management of Dry Waste of Shikaripura Town Municipal Council under Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0 Scheme. Contractors/Agencies interested in participating in the tender can obtain further information and details from http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in and participate.

Sl.No. 1. Indent Number: DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT 18846/CALL-2 **Amount (in Lakh):** 67.50

*) Last date for obtaining information regarding the tender: 22.08. 2024 up to 5.30 PM. *) Last date for submission Tender: 26.08. 2024 up to 5.30 PM *) Date of opening the Technical Bid of Tender: 28.08. 2024 at 10.30 AM. *) Date of opening the Financial Bid of Tender: 30.08. 2024 at 10.30 AM.

Sd/- Chief Officer, Town Municipal Council, Shikaripura

DIPR/smg/No.43/08/ksmca/24-25/439

BENGALURU METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION

Central Offices: Labour Department, 2nd Floor, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560 027.
No. BMTC/CO/LAB/823/2024-25 Date: 09.08.2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO:02 /2024-25 (e-Procurement Platform)

BMTC invites offers/bids from the interested persons through e-procurement platform for grant of License for a period of **02 (Two) years** to run the Depot canteen at various Depots/Work Shop on rent free basis. The selected bidder has to pay **Rs.50,000/-** towards Security Deposit & shall pay electricity charges. Last date & time for submission of bids is on **16. 08.2024 at 05:00 PM.** Opening of Financial bids is on **19.08.2024 at 12:30 hrs.**

For details log on to: **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** & Contact no: 080-46010000; 23010901; 22371090; 22340060; 22340948 or 080-22537591 & 080-22537592/ **E-mail: clwo@mybmtc.com.**

Sd/- Chief Labour & Welfare Officer, (Tender inviting Authority)

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Two cover system) (Through e-procurement portal only)

Item wise tenders are invited through e-procurement portal **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from bidders for the following works**: (1)** KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT 1761, Dated: 05.08.2024. **Name of the work:** Garden Maintenance at ADPH and its premises for the year 2024-25. **EMD: Rs.61,500/-. (2)** KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT 1762, Dated: 05.08.2024. **Name of the work:** Housekeeping of ADPH and its premises for the year 2024-25. **EMD: Rs.75,700/-. (3)** KPCL/2024-25/PS/ WORK_INDENT 1766, Dated: 05.08.2024. **Name of the work:** Maintenance works of ADPH and its premises for the year 2024-25. **EMD: Rs.36,500/-. Last date and time** for submission of completed bids for Sl No. 01, 02 & 03:19.08.2024 upto 05:30 PM. Further details can be had from the **Executive Engineer (Civil), ADPH/KPCL**, Sitimani Post, Bagalkot Dist., Karnataka. Mobile: +91 - 9449848138.

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CORRIGENDUM

With reference to the Tender No. KPCL/2024-25-/IND 1098 dtd. 5-8-2024 for procurement of 6000 KL of HEO Railway BTPN Wagons for BTPS, Date & time is extended as follows : Pre bid Meeting date: 12.08.2024 up to 11:00 hrs. Last date and time for tender Queries/ Clarifications: 08.08.2024 up to 17:00 hrs, Last date and time for Receipt of tenders: 20.08.2024 up to 17:00 hrs. Further details can be had from the CE(FM) BT, Mobile No. 9448290552, BTPS, KPCL, Kuduthini, Bellary District.
All other terms and conditions remain same.

NOTICE

Form No. INC-26

[Pursuant to rule 30 the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014]

Before the Central Government
Regional Director, South East Region

In the matter of sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Companies Act, 2013 and clause (a) of sub-rule (5) of rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014

AND

In the matter of Inroad Techno Consultants Private Limited

having its registered Office at No. 273, 1st Floor, NTI Layout Phase I, Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, Bangalore-560092, Karnataka, India, Petitioner

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the company proposes to make application to the Central Government under section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Extra ordinary general meeting held on Monday, 27th May 2024 to enable the company to change its Registered Office from "State of Karnataka" to the "State of Haryana".

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the company may deliver **either on the MCA-21 portal (www.mca.gov.in) by filing investor complaint form** or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director, South East Region at the address 3rd Floor, Corporate Bhavan, Bandlaguda, Nagole, Tattiannaram Village, Hayat Nagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad-500068, Telangana within fourteen days of the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company with a copy of the applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned herein above.

For and on behalf of the Applicant.

For **Inroad Techno Consultants Private Limited**

Ajay Kumar Mishra
Director
DIN: 00206640

Date: 10.08.2024
Place: Gurugram, Haryana

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
(www.kpwd.gov.in)

Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Bangalore Division, 2nd Floor, PWD Annexure Building, K.R. Circle, Bangalore - 01
Telephone No. 080-22133370,
Email ID: eepwdbngdn@yahoo.com
E-Portal : https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/portal-home

Tender Notification No. 09/2024-25 Dt- 09.08.2024

Item-rate tenders, Maintenance of Roads for Twelve Months and Maintenance of Buildings and Bridges works for Seven Months in PWD No.1 South, No.2 North, Anekal, Doddaballapura, Devanhalli, Hoskote & Nelamangala Sub Division under this office noted below, are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka in accordance with Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement rules 2000 and as per Standard Tender Documents for procurement of works from the contractors registered in K.P.W.D. as per KPPP.
Tender Notification are Published for 32 work **(Rs. 2.00 to 10.00 Lakhs)** Details of the tender works can be obtained from the above Office during office hours on working days. EMD & Tender processing fees are mentioned in Kpp portal.
Eligible contractors interested in tendering for the work may apply for the tender Kpp portal.
1.Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from Dated: **09.08.2024** onwards.
2.Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **16:00 hours** on dated: **17.08.2024**
3.The opening of tenders through e-procurement portal on dated: **19.08.2024 at 11.30** hours or further date and time will be Intimate.
For more details contact this office.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
PWD, Bangalore Division, Bangalore.

DIPR/CP/1394/Zen/2024-25

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. SEE/TR(M)/RMGC/EE(O)/AEE-1/F-35/24-25/1358-60 Date: 09.08.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal Only)

KPTCL invites bids against the following works:
1) Replacement of 11kV Switchgears works on Partial Turnkey Basis coming under the jurisdiction of Ramanagara Circle at 66/11kV Tavarekere Substation. **(CALL-2) (Reserved for ST).**
2) Replacement of 11kV Switchgears works on Partial Tunkey Basis coming under the jurisdiction of Ramanagara Circle at 66/11kV Gudemaranahalli Substation. **(CALL-2)**
3) Providing Additonal/Replacement of 11kV Switchgears works on Partial Tunkey Basis coming under the jurisdiction of Ramanagara Circle at 66/11kV Maralwadi. **(CALL-2).**
4) Providing Additonal/Replacement of 11kV Switchgears works on Partial Tunkey Basis coming under the jurisdiction of Ramanagara Circle at 66/11kV Achalu. **(CALL-2). (Reserved for SC).**
5) Combined Package for providing intermediate towers between a) T.Nos: 06-09 in existing 66KV Jalamangala-Melehalli SC line, b) T.Nos: 43-44 in existing 66kV Kanakapura-Chikenahalli-Channapatna SC line, c) T.Nos: 09. 10 in existing 66kV Kothipura-Ramanagara SC line pertaining to TLM Kanakapura on **Total Turn Key basis. (CALL-2).**
The detailed notification regarding the subject Enquiry in the KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **12.08.2024.**

Sd/- **Superintending Engineer (Ele.), Trans (Main.) Ramanagara Circle, KPTCL, Opp. R.R. Nagar Metro Station, Pantharapalya, Mysuru Road, Bengaluru – 560026. Ph:080-29620155.**

MYSORE MEDICAL COLLEGE AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE, MYSURU

(An Autonomous Institute of Government of Karnataka)
Irvin Road, Mysuru - 570 001, **Ph:** +91-0821-2520512 (Off.)
Email: mmcrimysore@yahoo.com, **Website:** www.mmcri.karnataka.gov.in

No. Sup/CR/391/2023-24 **Date :** 05.08.2024

SHORT TERM RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sub : Invitation of Tender for the supply of Nursing **Officer Manpower Services to Trauma Care Centre and Super Speciality Hospital, MMC & RI, Mysuru.**

The Short Term Re-Tender has been invited as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurements Act 1999 for the supply of **Nursing Officer Manpower services to the Trauma Care Centre and Super Speciality Hospital of this Institution**. The Tender documents may be downloaded from E-procurement website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 09.08.2024** and last date for submission of Tenders through E-procurement website is **23.08.2024 upto 5.00 PM.** Those tenders which are not submitted with E.M.D. will be rejected.

If, the last date for submission of Tender treated as holiday, the next working day will be considered as last date. No Notification in this regard will be announced.

Sd/- Director and Dean
Mysore Medical College and Research Institute, Mysuru.

DIPR/MYS/KAVITA/398/2024-25

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of The Executive Engineer, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Mahadevapura Division, Bangalore-560 048.

TN.NO: EE/MDP/TN/04/2024-25 Date: 08.08.2024

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (Only through KPP Portal)

The Executive Engineer, Mahadevapura Division invites Item Rate tenders from eligible tenderers for the works details in the table given below. The Tenderers may submit tenders for any or all of the works given in the table in appropriate class registered in Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike/CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES /any State or Central Govt. organization. Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-Procurement website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam** under login for Contractors:

All the Works are 2 Cover System

Sl. No.	Name of the Works/Category	Estimate Cost in Lakhs	EMD in Rs.
	Footpath Maintenance works in		
1	Ward No 97-Kadugodi, Category:Others.	25.00	50,000
2	Ward No. 98-Hoody, Category : Others.	25.00	50,000
3	Ward No. 99-Byrathi,Category : Others.	25.00	50,000
4	Ward No 100-Garudacharapalya,Category : Others.	25.00	50,000
5	Ward No. 101-Doddanekkundi, Category : Others.	25.00	50,000
6	Ward No. 102-AECS Layout, Category : SC.	25.00	25,000
7	Ward No. 103-Whitefield, Category : Others.	25.00	50,000
8	Ward No. 104-Varthur, Category : Others.	25.00	50,000
9	Ward No. 105- Munnekolala, Category : Others.	25.00	50,000
10	Ward No.106- Marathahalli, Category : SC.	25.00	25,000
11	Ward No. 107-Bellandur, Category : Others.	25.00	50,000
	Providing Tractor & Labour for maintenance Roads & drains in		
12	Ward No-97-Kadugodi ward area, Category : SC.	30.00	30,000
13	Ward No-98-Hoody ward area, Category : Others.	30.00	60,000
14	Ward No-99- Byrathi ward area, Category : Others.	30.00	60,000
15	Ward No-100-Garudacharapalya ward area, Category : Others.	30.00	60,000
16	Ward No-101-Doddanekkundi ward area, Category : SC.	30.00	30,000
17	Ward No-102-AECS layout ward area, Category : Others.	30.00	60,000
18	Ward No-103-Whitefield ward area, Category : Others.	30.00	60,000
19	Ward No-104-Varthur ward area, Category: ST.	30.00	30,000
20	Ward No- 105-Munnekollala ward area, Category : SC.	30.00	30,000
21	Ward No-106-Marathahalli ward area, Category : Others.	30.00	60,000
22	Ward No-107-Bellandur ward area, Category: SC.	30.00	30,000
	Establishment of Temporary Monsoon control Room in		
23	Ward No.97-Kadugodi, Category :Others.	5.00	12,500
24	Ward No. 98-Hoody, Category : Others.	5.00	12,500
25	Ward No.99-Byrathi, Category : Others.	5.00	12,500
26	Ward No.100-Garudacharapalya,Category : ST.	5.00	6,250
27	Ward No101-Doddanekkundi,Category : Others.	5.00	12,500
28	Ward No.102-AECS Layout, Category : Others.	5.00	12,500
29	Ward No.103-Whitefield,Category:Others.	5.00	12,500
30	Ward No.104-Varthur, Category : ST.	5.00	6,250
31	Ward No.105-Munnekolala, Category : Others.	5.00	12,500
32	Ward No.106-Marathahalli, Category : Others.	5.00	12,500
33	Ward No.107-Bellandur, Category : Others.	5.00	12,500
34	**Pothole filling works in ward limits of Mahadevapura Assembly Constituency for the Year 2024-25, Category :Others.**	165.00	2,47,500

Cost of tender form : As per KPP portal
Calendar of Events : 1. Last date of submission of queries: **26-08-2024 within 3.00 pm. 2.** Date & time for Pre Bid Meeting : **29-08-2024 at 11.00 AM, 3.** Last Date for Receipt of Tender : **06-09-2024 up to 4.00 pm. 4.** Date & Time for Opening Technical / Financial bid : **09-09-2024 at 4.30 pm. 5.** Validity of Tenders : **90 Days after the deadline date For Tender submission.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Mahadevapura Division), BBMP, Bengaluru

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
TAMIL NADU URBAN HABITAT DEVELOPMENT BOARD

No. 5, Kamarajar Salai, Chennai - 600005, Tamil Nadu, India.

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) and REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REoI) Tender Notice
Procurement of Consulting Services (Firms) and Individual Consultant Services

Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board (TNUHDB), Government of Tamil Nadu is implementing the Tamil Nadu Housing and Habitat Development Project financed by the World Bank. TNUHDB now invites Requests for Proposals (RFP) and Request for Expression of Interest (REoI) for the below mentioned activities for the Project Monitoring Unit of TNUHDB

Sl. No.	Tender Reference No.	Name of the Activity	Documents available at	Online Submission deadline (Last Date & Time)
1.	IN-TNSCB-399513-CS-LCS-2	Procurement of HR Agency for providing Manpower services for preparing **Architectural Design Drawings – 6 Nos.**	**RFP with ToR at - https://tntenders.gov.in**	**30.09.2024 upto 11.00 Hrs**
2.	IN-TNSCB-360993-CS-LCS-2	Procurement of HR Agency for supply of **Community Participant Assistants, Coordinators, Managers and Computer Assistant** for TNUHDB.	**RFP with ToR at https://tntenders.gov.in**	**27.09.2024 upto 11.00 Hrs**
3.	IN-TNSCB-400799-CS-INDV-2	Procurement of **Urban Management Specialist (Affordable Housing)** for TNUHDB	**REoI & ToR at www.tnuhdb.tn.gov.in**	**06.09.2024 upto 17.45 Hrs**

1. Sl. No.1&2 - Detailed proposals (Technical and Financial proposals separately) shall be submitted online in Tamil Nadu Government e-procurement portal **(https://tntenders.gov.in)** as per the respective RFP.
2. Sl. No.3-Detailed EoI to be submitted either by email id: tnuhdbprocurement@gmail.com or by post or in person. REoI-Request for Expression of Interest, RFP-Request for Proposal, ToR-Terms of Reference,

DIPR/2913/TENDER/2024 **Superintending Engineer, Project Monitoring Unit, TNUHDB.**

Karnataka Government Secretariat

Finance Department
Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru.

No. FD 03 BMB 2024 Date: 09.08.2024

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

It is notified for general information that the outstanding balance of **9.04% Karnataka SDL 2024** issued in terms of the Government of **Karnataka**, Finance Department Notification No. **FD 01 BMB 2014 dated September 05, 2014** will be repaid at par on **September 10, 2024** with interest due up to and including **September 09, 2024** In the event of a holiday being declared on the aforesaid date by any State Government under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, the loan will be repaid by the paying offices in that State on the previous working day. **No interest will accrue on the loan from and after September 10, 2024** .

2. As per sub-regulation 24 (2) and 24 (3) of Government Securities Regulations, 2007 payment of maturity proceeds to the registered holder of Government Security held in the form of Subsidiary General Ledger or Constituent Subsidiary General Ledger account or Stock Certificate shall be made by a pay order incorporating the relevant particulars of his bank account or by credit to the account of the holder in any bank having facility of receipt of funds through electronic means. For the purpose of making payment in respect of the securities, the original subscriber or the subsequent holders of such a Government Securities, as the case may be, shall submit to the Bank or Treasury and Sub- Treasury or branch of State Bank of India, where they are enfaced / registered for payment of interest, as the case may be, the relevant particulars of their bank account.

3. However, in the absence of relevant particulars of bank account / mandate for receipt of funds through electronic means, to facilitate repayment on the due date, holders of **9.04% Karnataka SDL 2024** should tender their securities at the Public Debt Office, 20 days in advance. The securities should be tendered for repayment, duly discharged on the reverse there of as under:

"Received the Principal due on the Certificate"

4. It should be particularly noted that at places where the treasury work is done by a branch of the State Bank of India, the securities, if they are in the form of Stock Certificates, should be tendered at the branch of the bank concerned and not at the Treasury or Sub-Treasury.

5. Holders who wish to receive payment at places other than those where the securities have been enfaced for payment should send them duly discharged to the Public Debt Office concerned by Registered and Insured Post. The Public Debt Office will make payment by issuing a draft payable at any Treasury / Sub-Treasury or branch of State Bank of India conducting Government Treasury work in the State of **Karnataka.**

Sd/- (Dr. P. C. Jaffer), Secretary to Government (Budget & Resources), Finance Department

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In the matter of Section 19 of the Limited Liability Partnership Act 2008 and Rule 20 of Limited Liability Partnership Act 2009

Notice is hereby given to General Public that in pursuance of Section 19 of the Limited Liability Partnership Act 2008 and Rule 20 of the Limited Liability Partnership Act 2009 and other applicable provisions of the Act, the name of LLP BLACK CUMIN VENTURES LLP be changed to EKK SPORTING LLP and the Registered Office of the LLP is situated at No.45, 5th Cross, Vijayalakshmi Layout Abbigere, Chikkabanavara, Na, Bangalore, Bangalore-560090, Karnataka, India be changed to Room No.XXI/O, E.K.K. Building, P.P.Road, Perumbavoor , Ernakulam, Kunnathunad, Kerala, India, 683 542

Dated this 6th August-2024

Name(s) of the Applicant
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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 3RD ADDITIONAL DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE, AT ANEKAL

R.A. No. 5039 OF 2022

BETWEEN : R. NAGARAJAREDDY ...APPELLANT

AND : PUTTAPPA AND OTHERS ...RESPONDENTS

NOTICES TO THE RESPONDENT NO. 7 AND 8

To, R-7 : D.S. Arun Kumar, S/o late Deenanath, aged about 65 years, Managing Director, M/S Aakruthi Farm & Resorts Limited, are residing at No. 18, NTL Layout, 3rd Cross, 5th Main, RMV 2nd Stage, Nagashettalli, Bangalore-560094.

R-8 : Nayanika Naik, D/o Captain Modi, aged about 60 years, residing at No.202, Vinay Apartment, Jankikutir, Juhu, Bombay -400019.

Whereas, the Appellant has instituted the above appeal against the above named Respondent No. 7 and 8 and others challenging the judgment and decree Dt: 2.11.2019 passed by the Hon'ble Senior Civil Judge at Anekal dismissing the suit in O.S. No. 952/2007. You are hereby summoned to appear in the court of Hon'ble 3rd Additional District and Session Judge at Anekal in person or by a pleader **on 18.9.2024 at 11' 0 clock A.M** to answer the same, failing which the Appeal will be disposed of exparte.

By order of the Court,
Chief Ministerial Officer, III Addl. Dist. & Sessions Judge's Court, Anekal, Bangalore Rural Dist.

Advocate for Appellant :
M. MUNI REDDY, Advocate
Krushik Samaja Building, Opposite K.S.R.T.C. Bus Stand, Malur Town, Malur Taluk, Kolar District-563130.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, BIJOY Gopal Debnath, is legally father of 14867491L Rank NK Name Diptesh Debnath presently residing at PRTC, ADM BN J.C.Nagar, Bangalore -560006 have changed my name from Bijoy Gopal Debnath to Bijay Gopal Debnath vide affidavit dt: 03.08.2024 sworn before Notary Sivakumara.M.N, B'luru.

I, CHAMUNDESHWARI S, D/o Selvaraj, R/a Flat No.112, 7th Cross, E-Block, BDA Layout, Lingarajapura, Bangalore North, Bengaluru-84 have changed my name to Margaret Priya.S vide affidavit dt:09.08.2024 sworn before Notary N.Narayanaswamy, B'lore

I, Nallamothulu Kondala Rao S/o Sambasiva Rao R/o Mulaguntapadu, Singarayakonda, Prakasam Dist, AP-523101 have changed my name to Nallabothula Kondala Rao for all purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE XI ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-8)
O.S. No. 7172/2022
Hg. 22/08/2024

Between
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at Landmark, Race-Course Circle, Vadodara-390007, having its head office at and Zonal office at 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560068 and also having branch at M.G. Road, Bengaluru, through its Authorised representative Mr. Harish E. ...Plaintiff
And
Mrs. Nirmala Kumari B. D. ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant:
Mrs. Nirmala Kumari B. D.
D/o. Devasahayam, Aged About 52 Years, R/at No. 4, 1st Floor, Muniswamy Reddy Building, Ramanjunaiah Layout, Garudacharpalya Near Post Office, Bangalore-560 048

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of Rs. 3,32,266.09/- along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the XI Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H.-08), in person or by a pleader, on the day of 22/08/2024 at 11:00 A.M. to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.
Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 5th day of Aug., 2024 at Bangalore.

By Order of the Court
Assistant Registrar,
Hon'ble City Civil Court,
Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar
Vidhii Partners,
Advocates,
No. 701, Queens Corner 'A'
3, Queens Road,
Bengaluru-01.

Done no wrong and won't give in: Chief Minister

Siddaramaiah targets Opposition leaders Yediyurappa, Kumaraswamy, and Ashok for charges against them. He regrets 'false' allegations levelled against him the in MUDA 'scam'

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Making it clear that he had done no wrong in either the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) or Karnataka Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation cases, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday firmly ruled out any possibility of his resignation.

Addressing a mammoth gathering in Mysuru at the Janandolana rally organised by the Congress, to counter the Bengaluru-Mysuru padayatra undertaken by the Opposition BJP and JD(S) combine, Mr. Siddaramaiah said his four-decade-long career in politics, which has been devoted to ensuring justice to poor, backward classes, Dalits, minorities, women, and farmers, had remained spotless. "Let the BJP and JD(S) join each other and take out as many padayatras as they wish, I will not budge," Mr. Siddaramaiah said.

Firm stand: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at the Janandolana rally in Mysuru on Friday. M.A. SRIRAM

What they hate

Taking to social media X, he said, "What they hate is not me as a person, but the pro-people schemes I have implemented, the principle of social justice I believe in, my faith in secularism, my honesty and my transparent behaviour."

Regretting the "false" allegations levelled against him in the MUDA scam, Mr. Siddaramaiah said his wife had been allotted sites during the erstwhile BJP regime as compensation for the 3 acres of 16 guntas of her land that had been encroached for developing a layout. Though his wife had filed an application for compensatory sites in 2014 when he was the Chief Minister, Mr. Siddaramaiah said he had instructed MUDA not to allot any sites as long as he was at the helm.

With regard to the irregularities in the Valmiki corporation, Mr. Siddaramaiah said there was no connection between the corruption that had taken place in the corporation and him. "I did not deny corruption in the corporation. But, there is no connection to the corruption in the corporation and the Finance Minister," said Mr. Siddaramaiah, who also holds the Finance portfolio. The Special Investigation Team (SIT) constituted by the government had already arrested as many as 12 accused persons and recovered about ₹50 crore out of the ₹84.43 crore embezzled from the corporation, he said.

Despite being in political life for the last four decades and enjoying power, Mr. Siddaramaiah claimed he did not own a house in Mysuru except for the one that is presently under construction. Though he had built two houses earlier, he had sold them to clear the outstanding loans.

Charges against leaders

Training his guns on the Opposition leaders, Mr. Siddaramaiah asked what moral right BJP leader B.S. Yediyurappa, against whom a chargesheet has been filed in a Prevention of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) case, had to seek his resignation. Mr. Siddaramaiah referred to BJP leader and former Union Minister Basanagouda Patil's allegation that Mr. Yediyurappa and his son B.Y. Vijayendra had swindled crores of rupees.

He attacked JD(S) leader and Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy for his alleged involvement in the Jantakal mining scam. "Aren't you ashamed of seeking my resignation?" he asked.

Mr. Siddaramaiah did not spare Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly R. Ashok and pointed to his alleged involvement in the land scam in B.M. Kaval.

He said the leaders of the Opposition BJP and JD (S), who were themselves facing the charge of corruption, did not have any moral right to seek his resignation.

Most Ministers attend

Participating in the event, attended by nearly all the Ministers of the Siddaramaiah-led Cabinet, AICC general secretary in-charge of Karnataka Randeep Surjewala said, "Mr. Siddaramaiah has been working and fighting for the downtrodden, backward class communities, and the poor. On this day, Mahatma Gandhi began the Quit Indian Movement in 1942. We are beginning another movement from Mysuru against those who want to snatch the power of the poor. Padayatra by JD(S)-BJP is not against Siddaramaiah but against guarantee schemes and to end them."

Poser to Governor over pending requests for prosecution against Kumaraswamy, Jolle, Nirani

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who has been served with a show-cause notice in connection with a petition seeking permission for his prosecution in the alleged MUDA scam, has questioned Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot over the pending requests for prosecution against Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy and former Ministers in the BJP government Murugesh Nirani and Shashikala Jolle.

Addressing the Janandolana rally in Mysuru on Friday, Mr. Siddaramaiah pointed out that the Lokayukta police had sought the Governor's sanction for prosecution against Mr. Kumaraswamy in an alleged illegal iron ore mining case in November 2023.

No action had been taken by the Governor against either Mr. Kumaraswamy or former Ministers in the BJP government Mr. Nirani and Ms. Jolle against whom similar requests for sanctioning prosecution were pending for a long time, he said.

But, in his case, Mr. Siddaramaiah said the Governor had issued a show-cause notice on the very day a complaint was lodged against him in the alleged MUDA scam on July 26, 2024. He alleged that the Centre, the BJP, and the JD(S) were making efforts to "frame" him in the MUDA case and were "misusing" the Raj Bhavan.

DKS trains guns on HDK, threatens to expose '50 denotification cases'

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The Janandolana rally of the Congress provided a platform for Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar to train his guns on Union Minister and JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy as he threatened to disclose and make public ''50 denotification cases'' involving the latter.

Launching a tirade: Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar addressing the gathering at the Congress' rally. M.A. SRIRAM

'Will expose graft'

Mr. Shivakumar said he was tipped off by officials of the cases against Mr. Kumaraswamy on denotification and said he would soon gather information and expose his corrupt deeds. The Lokayukta had also written to the Governor seeking permission to probe and question Mr. Kumaraswamy but he joined hands with the BJP to save his skin, said Mr. Shivakumar.

Lashing out at the JD(S) leader, Mr. Shivakumar said nobody was allowed to grow in the party by Mr. Kumaraswamy and even Mr. Siddaramaiah who was the Deputy Chief Minister, was not spared. "When H.D. Deve Gowda was the Prime Minister, his party had 17 MPs but none of them is in the JD(S) at present," remarked Mr. Shivakumar. He also accused the JD(S) leader of foisting a case against his nephew (Prajwal Revanna) so as to ensure the political growth of his son (Nikhil Kumaraswamy). Coming down on the Opposition in the State, Mr. Shivakumar said the BJP had overthrown many governments through 'Operation Lotus' but it cannot replicate the same this time around in Karnataka. He cited electoral statistics from the 2023 Assembly elections and said that Congress had 43% vote share while the vote share in the parliamentary elections increased to 45%. The Congress won nine seats in the parliamentary elections and hence the Opposition is under delusion that it can bring down the State government, which is impossible, he said.

HDK hits back

Reacting in New Delhi to the tirade against him, Mr. Kumaraswamy said Mr. Shivakumar lacked the "manliness" to confront him politically and was indulging in "cheap rhetoric". "In a democracy, people will decide who wins and who loses. You do your politics right and be warned not to provoke me," he said, referring to Mr. Shivakumar's allegations.

MUDA 'scam': Oppn. to consider option of approaching President

B.S. Satish Kumar
SRIRANGAPATNA

Buoyed by the response to their Mysuru Chalo padayatra as it entered Mysuru on Friday, the leaders of the Opposition coalition declared that they would take the fight against Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on alleged irregularities to the logical end, and also consider the options of approaching the President and waging a legal battle.

Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly R. Ashok told *The Hindu* on the sidelines of the padayatra that they would consider the option of petitioning President Droupadi Murmu against alleged irregularities involving the Chief Minister after consulting JD(S) leader and Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy and party's central leaders.

"We want to see if we can take a delegation of all our legislators to the President and petition her against alleged irregularities in the Maharshi Valmiki ST Development Corporation, allotment of MUDA sites and diversion of funds meant for the welfare of SC/ST communities," he said.

Governor's move

Mr. Ashok said, however, they would wait to know Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot's next move on the show-cause notice served on the Chief Minister in the MUDA case.

Tense moments: BJP-JD(S) workers scuffle with police personnel during the padayatra in Mysuru on Friday. K. MURALI KUMAR

He also said the padayatra had helped in strengthening the ties between coalition partners BJP and JD(S) and had turned into "a step towards the possibility of both forming a coalition government in future".

'A mockery'

BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra told *The Hindu* that the party would explore the option of taking up a legal battle in the MUDA case. He also claimed that the days of Mr. Siddaramaiah as Chief Minister were numbered.

Ridiculing the Janandolana counter campaign being taken up by the Congress against the NDA allies, he said it was a "mockery of democracy" on the part of the ruling party to resort to protest campaigns instead of initiating action through its government if there were any irregularities. "The Congress should know that the Opposition has the responsibility and obligation to fight against corruption to protect democracy," he said.

Responding to Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar's declaration that he would stand by the Chief Minister, Mr. Vijayendra said such remarks were only for public optics. "Everyone knows that it is Mr. Shivakumar who has taken up the issue against Mr. Siddaramaiah with the Congress high command as he is an aspirant for the Chief Minister's chair," he alleged.

The padayatra that started from Bengaluru on August 3 will come to an end with a convention in Mysuru on Saturday that will be attended by senior leaders of both the parties.

Protest against police

The Hindu Bureau
SRIRANGAPATNA

A minor scuffle ensued between the Opposition BJP-JD(S) workers and the police when the latter tried to persuade them to delay the entry into Mysuru till Congress workers, who were attending a convention by the ruling party in Mysuru, left the city.

Trouble started when the police tried to halt the Opposition members when they tried to commence the padayatra after a short break for lunch about 5 km from Mysuru. Though volunteers indulged in a scuffle with the police and managed to move forward, the police again blocked their movement for some time. This irritated the volunteers who resorted to a protest. However, BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra and JD (S) State Youth Wing president Nikhil Kumaraswamy intervened and convinced them to wait till the police gave permission. Later, the police allowed the padayatra to enter Mysuru.

The padayatra saw the participation of nearly 5,000 women members, according to BJP women's wing president Manjula. Some of the women participants also carried traditional pestles (*onake*) as a symbolic representation of women power.

Padayatra proves to be launch pad for Nikhil five years after debacle in debut poll in Vokkaliga heartland

Sharath S. Srivatsa
MANDYA

Over five years after his loss in the electoral debut in the Mandya Lok Sabha constituency, among the most fiercely fought political arenas, 36-year-old Nikhil Kumaraswamy appears keen to come out of the shadow of his father and Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy and grandfather and former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda in the Vokkaliga heartland with the Bengaluru-Mysuru padayatra of the NDA allies BJP and Janata Dal (Secular) providing a stage for him.

Seen as a "reluctant politician" whose latest electoral setback in Ramanagara in the 2023 Assembly election is believed to have nearly pushed him out of politics, the film actor-turned-politician has been mingling with party workers, dancing to drum beats, and interacting with people during the padayatra.

In focus: JD(S) leader Nikhil Kumaraswamy with BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra during the launch of the Bengaluru-Mysuru padayatra. K. MURALI KUMAR

All in the family

With his father, a popular figure in the Vokkaliga politics, mostly staying away from the 140-km-long padayatra and confining himself to public rallies, Mr. Nikhil has been hogging the limelight as padayatra passed through the JD(S) stronghold of Ramanagara and Mandya districts. Mr. Deve Gowda's advanced age and his uncle H.D. Revanna's legal troubles have also accentuated the role of Mr. Nikhil in the party always dominated by players within the Gowda clan.

During the padayatra, being held to seek the resignation of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah over the alleged irregularities in MUDA, the focus has been on Mr. Nikhil and BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra, two young leaders of their respective parties.

"This padayatra is making me understand the expectations of people from me. The government has created this launch pad with bad administration," Mr. Nikhil said, when asked if the march is being used as a launch pad for higher responsibilities in the party as his detractors have pointed out. He acknowledged that the padayatra has been the biggest political platform for him so far.

Does this indicate a shifting of focus on young generation leaders in the party? "I have a big responsibility as the party's State Youth Wing president. I will have to keep the party ready for elections, as and when they happen. We need to attract youngsters to the party. However, it should be a blend of youngsters and seniors," he said. Mr. Nikhil is accompanied by other youngsters, including Samrudhi Manjunath, Sharanagouda Kandakur, and G.D. Harish Gowda. Mr. Kandakur said "a young leader from the Gowda family" is required to act as a fulcrum in the party.

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> **NIKHIL KUMARASWAMY,** JD(S) State Youth Wing president

End of film career?

On his career in the world of films, Mr. Nikhil said, "The current circumstances have pushed me to politics. In fact, the producer of my the latest movie asked me to dump it after completing 40 days out of the 150-day shoot and plunge into politics."

While many in the party believe that the cinema has given him an identity and popularity, which he must continue, Mr. Nikhil said cinema career was as good as over.

Mild tremors trigger panic in landslide-hit Wayanad

Many residents flee houses; holiday declared for schools; no quake recorded by any seismological station in Kerala; experts say it may be due to shifting of land mass accumulated during landslides

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Hand-in-hand: Kerala Tourism Minister P.A. Mohamed Riyas and residents of Wayanad take part in the search operation conducted at Chooralmala on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Mild tremors accompanied by a rumbling sound kept hundreds of residents on their toes at Nenmeni village in Wayanad on Friday. The incident, around 10.15 a.m., prompted the Disaster Management Authority to initiate measures for evacuation.

Though the National Centre for Seismology (NCS) detected no dangerous seismic activity, many residents vacated their houses and sought shelter in their relatives' houses away from the village.

Officials said residents of Kurichiarmala, Pinangod, Edakkal, Moorikkappu, Ambukuthimala, and Ambalavayal were among those who mainly experienced the tremor.

Responding to the apprehension, a holiday was declared for schools in the affected areas, including Edakkal and Ambalavayal regions. Revenue officials visited all the major locations where the local residents experienced the impact of the tremor.

Though some Geology Department officials indicated the possibility of soil piping, which is the formation of underground tunnels due to subsurface erosion, more scientific studies would be required to establish the reason.

"Whatever be the reason, the recent episodes of landslides and the latest tremor have affected the peace of people here. People settled in the hilly areas are in search of safer places," said Sheela Punchavayal, president of Nenmeni panchayat.

NCS explains

No natural earthquake was recorded by any of the seismological stations installed in Kerala or its neighbourhood on Friday, the NCS said. The phenomenon reported at Wayanad "may be due to the shifting of land masses accumulated during landslides from one level to another lower level for better stabilisation of the land masses," it said.

The Chief Minister's Office (CMO) said officials evacuated residents after they reported "deep rumblings and echoing sounds" in Vythiri taluk.

Public search at sites fails to yield much

E.M. Manoj
WAYANAD

A torn ration card, a bank passbook, and an Aadhaar card – these were all that Pradeep, an estate worker at Mundakkai, could retrieve from the landslide-ravaged house of his brother Prashobh as part of a State government-initiated search, involving the public and the victims' relatives, on Friday.

Prashob's entire family, except his daughter Maya, was killed in the landslide on July 30.

Scores of survivors reached ground zero early in the morning in an attempt to salvage some crumbs of consolation by searching for souvenirs of shared existence they lost in the massive earthfall. They were returning to the villages of Chooralmala, Mundakkai and Punchirimattom after a hiatus of 11 days.

Several inspected what little remained of their ruined homes that were surrounded by uprooted trees caked in mud and boulders. Some retrieved family photographs, soggy clothes, and marriage certificates. Some survivors struggled to identify the locations where their homes once stood.

The Hindu Education Plus international fair to begin on August 15

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CHENNAI

The 20th edition of *The Hindu Education Plus* International Education Fair, presented by FES Study Abroad (powered by Fragomen India) and the Bank of Maharashtra, will be held from August 15 to 30, in seven major cities in the country.

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Different venues

The fair will be held in Hyderabad on August 15 at Vivanta Hyderabad, Begumpet; in Vijayawada on August 17 at Vivanta Vijayawada; in Bengaluru on August 19 and 20 at Christ University, Central and Kengeri campuses; in Coimbatore on August 22 and 23 at Vivanta and Kumaraguru College of Technology; in Chennai on August 25 and 26 at Loyola College; in Kochi on August 28 at Vivanta Ernakulam; and in Delhi on August 30 at Dr. Ambedkar International Convention Centre.

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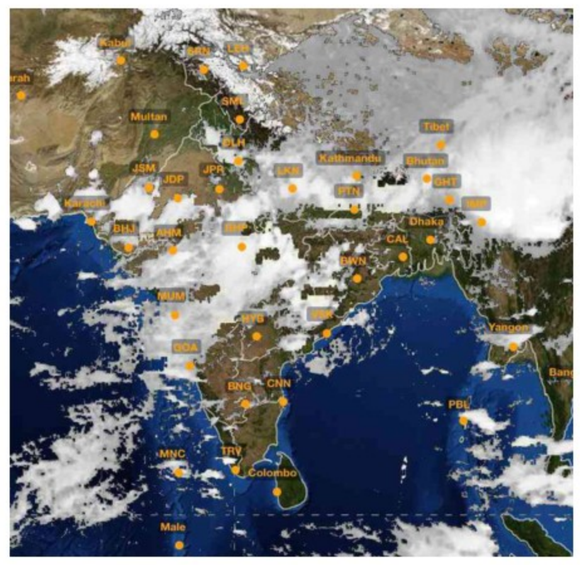
WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Rajasthan, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Sikkim, Odisha, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, central Maharashtra and Konkan & Goa

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	32.0	26.0	Kozhikode	0.1	31.6	24.7
Ahmedabad	3	32.6	26.4	Kurnool	4	33.7	25.0
Aizawl	0.4	29.2	23.0	Lucknow	19	31.6	26.0
Allahabad	2	32.5	26.9	Madurai	—	35.6	24.0
Bengaluru	—	29.2	20.5	Mangaluru	0.1	29.6	22.7
Bhopal	1	29.1	24.0	Mumbai	3	31.3	25.8
Bhubaneswar	0.1	32.2	26.0	Mysuru	—	30.2	21.0
Chandigarh	—	35.4	28.2	New Delhi	3	34.8	26.6
Chennai	2.1	35.3	26.1	Patna	17.1	32.8	26.4
Coimbatore	—	32.0	22.5	Port Blair	0.4	31.5	25.4
Dehradun	17	33.9	24.5	Puducherry	—	35.1	23.8
Gangtok	19	20.8	17.6	Pune	3.9	26.8	22.1
Goa	35	30.8	25.1	Raipur	1.7	28.2	23.0
Guwahati	27	34.0	25.0	Ranchi	0.8	30.1	23.6
Hubballi	—	29.0	23.0	Shillong	0.3	25.0	17.4
Hyderabad	5	31.6	23.4	Shimla	61	22.0	16.2
Imphal	—	31.1	21.9	Srinagar	—	34.2	20.7
Jaipur	14	28.6	25.0	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.5	24.3
Kochi	—	30.4	25.0	Tiruchi	—	37.1	25.4
Kohima	23	22.1	17.3	Vijayawada	—	35.5	26.4
Kolkata	0.2	33.8	27.0	Visakhapatnam	—	32.9	27.8

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.34	..18	51	 68	95	.....
Bengaluru	.10	..30	53	 29	...143	.....
Chennai	...6	6	62	... 138	...120	.....
Delhi	...8	..42	40	 64	...118	.....
Hyderabad	.11	..25	49	 56	70	.....
Kolkata	.13	..22	39	 37	36	.....
Lucknow	.12	..30	61	 36	59	.....
Mumbai	.27	..25	24	 24	37	.....
Pune	..—	..36	58	 37	31	.....
Visakhapatnam	...9	..45	35	 55	...107	.....

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Samastipur, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 229 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Aizawl, Mizoram recorded a healthy AQI score of 15

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

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INBRIEF

Telangana to have AI and net zero cities, says CM in U.S.

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy said Telangana deserved the sobriquet of the 'Future State' with the government's massive reimagining of Hyderabad with game-changing projects like AI City and Net Zero City. He shared his views while addressing CEOs of Tech Unicorns at an AI business round table meeting, hosted by Indian Consulate General in California on Thursday. Mr. Reddy said he wanted to create a new motto for Telangana. Though Indian States did not have that culture of mottos, he wanted to start this new trend, he said.

Naidu vows steps to ensure 'zero poverty' among tribals

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has asserted that his government will take steps for development of tribal people in the State. "The government will focus on the tribal welfare schemes and programmes, which were either discontinued, or watered down during the YSRCP term," He said while participating in the World Adivasi Day celebrations in Vijayawada on Friday. "The national per capita income is ₹1.72 lakh. In Andhra Pradesh, the per capita income is ₹2.20 lakh. But, the per capita income of the tribal people is a mere ₹1.20 lakh," he said.

AMMA lauds arrest of man for remarks against Mohanlal

The Association of Malayalam Movie Artistes (AMMA) has welcomed the arrest of a YouTuber for his alleged derogatory remarks against actor Mohanlal for visiting Wayanad in Army uniform. The police arrested Aju Alex on a complaint from actor and AMMA general secretary Siddique. Mr. Alex, who runs a YouTube channel 'Chekuthan', had taken a dig at Mr. Mohanlal for wearing Army uniform while visiting the disaster-hit areas in his capacity as honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of the Territorial Army.

Bengaluru police crack two theft cases, recover gold jewellery

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BENGALURU

The city police have cracked two cases of theft of gold jewellery where domestic help in the houses was involved.

A resident of an apartment complex in HAL police station limits lodged a complaint this March 30 that a necklace and 65 grams of other gold jewellery kept in a cupboard were stolen.

The house owner had expressed suspicion on four domestic helpers who worked at his house. The HAL police had detained the four of them and interrogated them. However, they denied any involvement and they were let go.

Several months later, one of the domestic helps, Renuka, put up a photograph as her WhatsApp profile picture in which she was allegedly wearing the stolen necklace. The house owner saw the photo and alerted the police.

The HAL police detained Renuka on July 30 and she allegedly confessed to the crime during interrogation. She also confessed to having stolen gold jewellery from another flat in the same apartment where she worked, said the police.

A case regarding this theft was also registered with the HAL police, which has also been cracked now. The police have recovered 80 grams of stolen gold jewellery in both cases from her house.

In another case, a resident of Adugodi went to Dubai in April and returned on July 17. He had given the house keys to a tenant on the ground floor, and had tasked the domestic help with regularly cleaning the house taking the keys from the tenant.

After returning from Dubai, the houseowner checked for gold jewellery kept in the cupboard on July 22 and realised around 250 to 300 grams worth around ₹20 lakh were stolen. He lodged a complaint expressing his suspicions about the domestic help who was the only one who entered the house. The domestic help was detained and he reportedly confessed to the crime under sustained interrogation.

He told the police that he had handed over the stolen jewellery to his second wife, who was also taken into custody later.

The police recovered a gold necklace of 135 grams that she had pawned to the owner of a beauty parlour she was working at. The police also recovered another 198 grams of gold jewellery she had pledged.

'Dalit business owners see income gap of 16% compared to other disadvantaged groups'

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BENGALURU

Dalit business owners in India face a significant income gap of around 16% when compared to other structurally disadvantaged groups with similar attributes, according to a study.

'It's not who you know, but who you are: Explaining income gaps of stigmatized-caste business owners in India', published in *PLOS One* journal on Wednesday, was authored by Prateek Raj, a faculty of the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore's (IIMB) Department of Strategy, along with Thomas. J. Roulet from Judge Business School and King's College, University of Cambridge, and Hari Bapuji from Department of Management and Marketing, University of Melbourne.

The study uses data from the India Human Development Survey (IHDS) of 2011, a nationally representative survey that was a collaborative project between three universities in the U.S. and the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) of India. IHDS had surveyed 42,000 households in different demographic groups across 373 districts in India.

The paper is the culmination of Prof. Raj's research into caste and income disparity, which he began in 2019. The study examined if caste identities have a direct impact on business incomes and found that even when compared with business owners of other disadvantaged groups like OBCs, STs, and Muslims, Dalits, who are institutionally stigmatised, have higher income gaps.

The study describes "institutional stigma" involving negative public perceptions about and adverse expectations from social groups who get devalued in a particular social context.

"Dalit business owners face unique stigma-related disadvantages that cannot be equated with other forms of identity-based challenges, such as gender, race, or ethnicity," Prof. Raj said.

The study also notes that even with higher levels of social capital, the income gap for Dalit business owners not only persists, but rather increases when compared with other groups. The size of the social capital of the households was indicated by the number of personal acquaintances they had across professions of 10 categories (including elected officers, government employees, doctors and teachers).

The study showed that a standard deviation increase in social capital resulted in a 17.3% increase in business income for households from non-stigmatised communities, but a similar increase in social capital results in only a 6% increase in business income for Dalit households.

The authors have argued that this phenomenon is rooted in the deep-seated stigma attached to Dalit identity, hindering their ability to fully leverage social networks for business success.

HC strikes down Section 128-A of Karnataka Coop. Societies Act

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BENGALURU

Court says the State is competent to impose reasonable restrictions on the fundamental right to form a cooperative society

The High Court of Karnataka has struck down Section 128-A of the Karnataka Cooperative Societies (KCS) Act of 1959, which was inserted through an amendment in 2023 empowering the registrar of cooperative societies to completely take away the right of a society to recruit, transfer or hold disciplinary inquiry against their employees.

Fundamental right

Declaring the amended Section 128-A as unconstitutional, the court said, "The right to form a cooperative society, which is a fundamental right under Article 19(1)(c) [right to form associations or unions or cooperative societies] of the Constitution, within its fold includes right to recruit, transfer the employees of a cooperative society and to initiate disciplinary action against its employees."

Justice Anant Ramanath Hegde delivered the verdict on Thursday while allowing the petitions filed by Uppinangadi Cooperative Agricultural Society Ltd. in Dakshina Kannada district and 45 other similar societies. The petitioners had questioned the constitutional validity of the amended Section 128-A.

Reasonable restrictions

Meanwhile, the court said the State is competent to impose reasonable restrictions on the fundamental right to form a cooperative society and even on matters relating to recruitment, transfer, and disciplinary action against the employees of a cooperative society. However, the court made it clear, the State cannot completely prohibit or take away the right of a cooperative society to recruit, transfer, and to initiate disciplinary action on its employees.

"The interpretation that the right to form a cooperative society is only confined to the formation and registration of a cooperative society and not beyond, will defeat the purpose of 97th amendment of the Constitution of India. Thus, the expression 'democratic control' [used in Article 43-B of the Constitution inserted through the 97th amendment] would also mean control over recruitment, transfer and disciplinary action," the court said.

Reign of chaos

Yunus should end the violence against minorities in Bangladesh

The first appeal to the public from Mohammad Yunus, Nobel laureate and the head of Bangladesh's interim government, after he landed in Dhaka from Paris on Thursday, was to "save the country from chaos and violence". The octogenarian pioneer of microfinance is taking charge of the country at one of its most tumultuous phases. Days after former Prime Minister and Awami League leader Sheikh Hasina resigned and left amid violent mass protests, the nation of 170 million people remains on edge as violence refuses to recede. Law enforcement officials are missing and the state bureaucracy has become non-functional in the absence of a government. Extremist sections have used the chaos to target Hindus, Ahmedis, a minority sect in Islam, and Awami League functionaries. According to the Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council, the houses and shops of minorities were looted in several districts. Offices of the Awami League were vandalised and dozens of party functionaries and supporters were killed. Mr. Yunus, who was sworn in on Thursday, condemned the violence and appealed for calm. As the banker begins his role as an administrator, his challenge would be to bring Bangladesh back from the brink and restore the rule of law.

By appointing Mr. Yunus, someone who is acceptable to the student protesters and the political opposition, the military and Bangladesh President Mohammed Shahabuddin have shown signs of reconciliation. At a time when there is much hostility among political parties, an interim government headed by a technocrat is a pragmatic first step. But Mr. Yunus does not have the political machinery to back him up and will have to be dependent on the mainstream parties or the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement. He also faces three critical medium-term challenges. First, he has to make sure that the military stays in the barracks. The military has an infamous past and it took years of mass movement, led by Ms. Hasina and Khaleda Zia, the BNP leader, to bring the dictatorship to an end in 1990. Second, Mr. Yunus has to build at least temporary peace in Bangladesh's polity. Ms. Hasina's fall has empowered the Jamaat and the BNP. Jamaat, a majoritarian Islamist group, has had a particularly bloodied past, while the years the BNP was in power were marked by political violence and vendetta. Lastly, Mr. Yunus's administration should facilitate free and fair elections at the earliest. Only an elected government with popular legitimacy can steer the country out of the troubles it is in today. The success of Bangladesh's uprising is dependent on the will and the ability of the country's new rulers to tackle these challenges.

Reassuring resolve

Growth can only be tenuous if retail inflation is unchecked

The RBI's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) has for a ninth straight meeting chosen to keep benchmark interest rates unchanged as it continues to battle retail inflation that has stubbornly stayed above its medium-term target of 4% for 57 months and is beginning to undermine consumer confidence. Laying out the rationale, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das was emphatic that there was no room for complacency given the risks that persistently elevated food price pressures posed to households' inflation expectations and broader monetary policy credibility. Elevated food prices, he stressed, had not only slowed disinflation in the April-June quarter but had also extended their momentum into July with high frequency food price data pointing to sizeable month-on-month increases in key vegetable prices. Citing Department of Consumer Affairs data, he said tomato prices had surged 62% sequentially, while onion had become almost 23% costlier than in June and potato prices had increased 18%. Food prices, with a weight of about 46% in the overall Consumer Price Index, could not afford to be overlooked, not just for their impact on headline inflation but far more significantly because consumers related the most to the impact food prices had on monthly household budgets. He indicated, without explicitly referencing it, that a suggestion in the Economic Survey urging policymakers to consider delinking food prices from the inflation targeting framework made little sense in the circumstances.

The MPC, which voted by a 4-2 majority to hold interest rates and keep the policy stance focused on the withdrawal of accommodation to ensure that inflation aligns to the target, also raised its projection for headline retail inflation in the July-September quarter to 4.4%, 60 basis points higher than the 3.8% pace projected in June. The rate panel also posited slightly faster inflation in the third fiscal quarter than it had forecast previously, lifting the projection by 10 basis points to 4.7%, in a clear sign that the near-term inflation outlook appears less reassuring than it did just two months ago. And while Mr. Das noted that, in June, vegetable prices had contributed about 35% to headline inflation, the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy, in an analysis, forecast price pressures in vegetables to 'sustain well into the festive season through till early November', adding pressure on retail headline inflation. Core inflation may also have bottomed out according to the MPC, which flagged the risks of spillover from food prices, as well as the impact mobile tariff revisions may have on broader non-food inflation. Policymakers hearteningly reiterated the truism that without ensuring enduring price stability, growth may at best be tenuous.

Refugee rights, the gendered nature of displacement

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Armed conflict, violence, human rights abuses, and persecution compel millions across the world to flee their homes and homelands for survival, and become 'displaced people' in the process. According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), by the end of 2023, 11.73 crore people, worldwide, had been forcibly displaced due to persecution, conflict, violence, human rights violations or events seriously disturbing public order. Among them, 3.76 crore were refugees. With the Israel-Hamas war having escalated since then, the Ukraine-Russia war continuing, and Rohingyas facing fresh threats in Myanmar, the number of refugees worldwide is only expected to multiply significantly.

Female face to refugee demographics

India has historically been perceived as a 'refugee-receiving' nation having hosted over 2,00,000, diverse refugee groups since its independence. As of January 31, 2022, 46,000 refugees and asylum-seekers were registered with UNHCR India. 46% of this population is comprised of women and girls, a disproportionately burdened and vulnerable group. They are made solely accountable for children, are often the last to flee, are saddled with gendered care-giving responsibility for both the old and the young, and are often required to single-handedly bear responsibility for the family's sustenance.

The United Nations Population Fund has acknowledged that "the face of displacement is female". The gendered nature of displacement impacts women's physical and mental health as well as their well-being. Refugee women are affected by a multitude of stressors spanning deaths of partners and children, hardships of camp life, complex alterations in family dynamics, limited access to community networks, and reduced safety. Prolonged conflict, post-conflict gender role shifts, a breakdown of traditional social support systems, and socio-economic challenges associated with displacement collectively expose refugee women to increased risks of gender-based abuse, including practices such as transactional sex.

The enhanced exposure to physical and sexual violations renders them unduly susceptible to psychological and psychosocial conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), anxiety disorder and depression. Displaced women are twice as likely to exhibit symptoms of PTSD and over four times as likely to exhibit depression, as compared to their male counterparts. A study in Darfur, Sudan showed that 72% of displaced women were affected with conditions such as PTSD and general distress due to traumatic events and living conditions in camps. Evidence indicates that female refugees are at a greater risk of developing diagnosable mental health-related illnesses when compared to their male counterparts. Social and gender inequalities, especially when refugee populations belong to patriarchal societies, lead to the experiences and testimonies of displaced women being dismissed. This epistemic injustice results in their conditions often going unnoticed. Displaced women with psychological vulnerabilities also end up being stigmatised and isolated. Given their limited financial resources, refugee families tend to prioritise physical over mental health, and the health of men over women. Consequently, it is not surprising that displaced women with psychosocial disabilities rarely, if ever, receive necessary support. Mental health service use has been reported to be lower among refugees than local populations and among women than men. The situation is worse when the host society is also traditionally patriarchal, as is the case with India. In India, community participation is predominantly male-dominated, leaving refugee women isolated in a foreign land without a platform to voice their concerns. Further, the pervasive stigma surrounding psychosocial disabilities restricts their access to information. The mental health services then available to them are typically either in government hospitals that have extended wait times or through support services by (unregulated) non-governmental organisations. These services are often only sought, after issues have severely escalated. In seeking these limited options as well, refugee women encounter challenges such as stigma, feelings of shame, communication barriers, and limited mental health literacy and awareness of available services.

> Refugee women, especially those with disabilities are guaranteed certain rights but are seldom able to realise them given the multitude of barriers they face

Conventions, rights and India's role

The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), recognises 'long-term mental or intellectual impairments which, in interaction with various barriers, may hinder full and effective participation in society' as 'psychosocial disability'; it guarantees a plethora of rights to the affected persons. The UNCRPD also recognises that 'women and girls with disabilities are subject to multiple discrimination' and mandates measures to ensure 'full and equal enjoyment by them of all human rights and fundamental freedoms' (Article 6). These guarantees are required to be secured to all without any discrimination (Article 5).

India ratified the UNCRPD and, subsequently, enacted the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPWDA) which provides corresponding guarantees to persons with disabilities. While the term 'psychosocial disability' is not yet a part of the country's legislative parlance, "mental illness" is used to describe 'a substantial disorder of thinking, mood, perception, orientation or memory that grossly impairs judgement, behaviour, capacity to recognise reality or ability to meet the ordinary demands of life...' Persons with 'mental illness', as a category of persons with disabilities, are guaranteed a host of rights under the RPWDA, including the right to health care, encompassing free and barrier-free access besides priority in attendance and treatment (Section 25). The RPWDA also mandates the state to ensure that women with disabilities enjoy their rights equally with others (Section 4).

However, simply by virtue of their not being Indian nationals, refugee women with psychosocial disabilities are filtered out from the implementation of this guarantee. This is attributable to factors such as the legal and administrative framework's oversight of non-nationals in distribution of rights and services, social stigma and discrimination, lack of awareness, language barriers and financial constraints.

The Supreme Court of India has consistently affirmed refugees' inherent right to life under Article 21, encompassing the right to health. However, refugees' access to health-care services is extremely limited and predominantly restricted to government hospitals. They are excluded from most public health and nutrition programmes available to citizens, and given their limited means, private hospitals are prohibitively expensive. Consequently, in the absence of any express guarantees extending the purview of the RPWDA to refugees with disabilities or safeguarding their interests as per the UNCRPD (Articles 6, 11 and 18), refugee women with 'psychosocial disability' or "mental illness" despite being guaranteed the right to health remain unable to realise it. The ensuing violation of their right to life not only contradicts the express directives of the Court but also renders the mandate of the UNCRPD hollow and nugatory.

Filling up the structural gap

India is neither a party to the 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 Protocol, nor does it have any specific domestic legislation pertaining to refugees, let alone refugees with disabilities. Given the vast refugee population in the country, it is imperative to establish a uniform, codified framework that provides adequate language for implementing India's international commitments. This is also necessitated by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which emphasises empowering vulnerable populations, including persons with disabilities and refugees.

To secure the implementation of the aforesaid guarantees, it is crucial to integrate refugees with disabilities into relevant policies and programmes in an accessible manner. Effective policy-making also depends on collection of disaggregated data on their health conditions, necessitating swift and systematic identification and registration processes.

What remains to be seen is how and when this is done. Until then, the pressing question is, whether they must continue to endure, or, lose hope and give up.

No population Census — in the dark without vital data

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The Indian decadal Census has been delayed by more than three years now despite several concerns having been raised about the consequences of not having a Census. In fact, there is an overwhelming misconception among officials on substituting the Census with alternative ways and means of counting the population.

The Census is not limited to offer a population count. It includes a wide range of locational, familial and individual information that serves to understand the changing population dynamic in its entirety. The first and foremost limitation of avoiding a Census lies in the reliability of all our large-scale surveys such as National Family Health Survey and Periodic Labour Force Survey carried out on a Census frame that is one and a half decades old.

The need to understand many changes

Further, this decade-and-a-half has been a period of potential transformation not only in population count and its composition but also on many other features relating to education, occupation, employment, health (COVID-19) and livelihoods. Considering the significance of examining these features, delaying the Census sounds most irresponsible. To think of an alternative to the Census is naive. However, there is universal echo on conducting a caste Census to serve political ends more than development planning, which undoubtedly reveals the limited understanding on the utility of a Census and its relevance for course correction in many presumed strategies for human welfare.

Missing the 2021 Census can never be an excuse given that a general election was conducted in the midst of all uncertainties. The machinery needed for a Census exercise is perhaps quite comparable to that of an election. Therefore, it feels like the Census is being avoided more than being delayed, with undue reasons.

> The Census is not limited to being a mere population count; it includes a wide range of crucial locational, familial and individual information

However, opinions are not scarce on evaluating government schemes and programmes in terms of their coverage and consequential impact. Unfortunately, without a proper denominator, monitoring the success of any programme will be misleading.

The urgency of having a population Census and not delaying it any more has numerous grounds of reasoning, particularly a rapid demographic transition and the resultant demographic dividend. A population Census is more than necessary to reveal these changes along with familial structures, locational distribution and occupational composition. Further, in the absence of a Census frame, the surveys carried out will be less reliable and representative which has been the basis of generating a whole host of SDG indicators. And the measure of progress in the SDG claimed, based on these indicators, may well be under scrutiny given their statistical inadequacies.

The world population prospects reveal unique features of population change and good demographic data, which will be of great significance for population giants such as India and China more than for other regions of the world. Given that the world population scenario is greatly influenced by Indian population features, it is essential to have the reality of its population features obtained in the Census rather than presuming estimated values based on past trends that depend on projections and extrapolations. Rendering the Census exercise to be a mere population count is a misnomer that needs to be reiterated for a wider audience.

In the prevailing SDG environment, there has been an obsession with regard to the generation of a wide range of indicators with disaggregation below the sub-national level. Such indicators pertain to many dimensions that need a standardisation by population count (not only aggregate but also its segmented count by age, sex and many other attributes), that is compromised in the absence of a Census. Approximated numbers or survey-based estimates are quite insufficient to represent changing realities.

The caste Census cry

While the urgency and the immediacy of a Census exercise does not appear to be on the horizon, political masters are engaged in raising the need for a caste Census to serve their purposes. In fact, a caste auditing in India at a time when we claim everything to be rosy seems to be out of place.

The history of the Census exercise makes it clear that such an auditing was made in its initial phases, and that its discontinuation must have a reason. No one should be misled that a caste auditing is backed by a genuine intent of reading inclusion of different caste groups. It is largely to establish differential entitlements citing a lack of representation and deprivation. However, tangible endowments are perhaps a limited way to diagnose deprivation rather than making an assessment of the intangible domains such as education and occupation. Unfortunately, there is a complete absence of any systematic assessment of mobility in the said domains of education and occupation against the axis of caste despite sustained affirmative action for so long.

Finally keeping the Census at bay is perhaps in the interest of the state to claim progress and betterment basing on numerators alone without its appropriate denominator in the computation of indicators. Hence, the scientific community should convey the need for a Census without any further delay to get out of the illusion that surveys and many other administrative statistics are a replacement for the Census. So the key apprehension remains: has the Census been delayed? Or is there a convincing attempt to avoid the Census?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bidding time?

It is a bit amusing to have former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's son, Sajeeb Wazed Joy, saying that his mother would be back in Dhaka as soon as democracy is restored ('World' page, August 9).

Ms. Hasina would not have left Bangladesh had the spirit of democracy prevailed during her regime.

C.G. Kuriakose,
Kothamangalam, Kerala

India and the Olympics

Neeraj Chopra has again proven his exceptional talent on the world stage. Let us also acknowledge the outstanding achievement of Arshad Nadeem. While celebrating Neeraj's success, it is essential to recognise the spirit of sportsmanship and commend the efforts of all athletes ('Sport' page, "Arshad's 92.97m dethrones Neeraj", August 9).

Sanjit Pal Singh,
Ichhapur, West Bengal

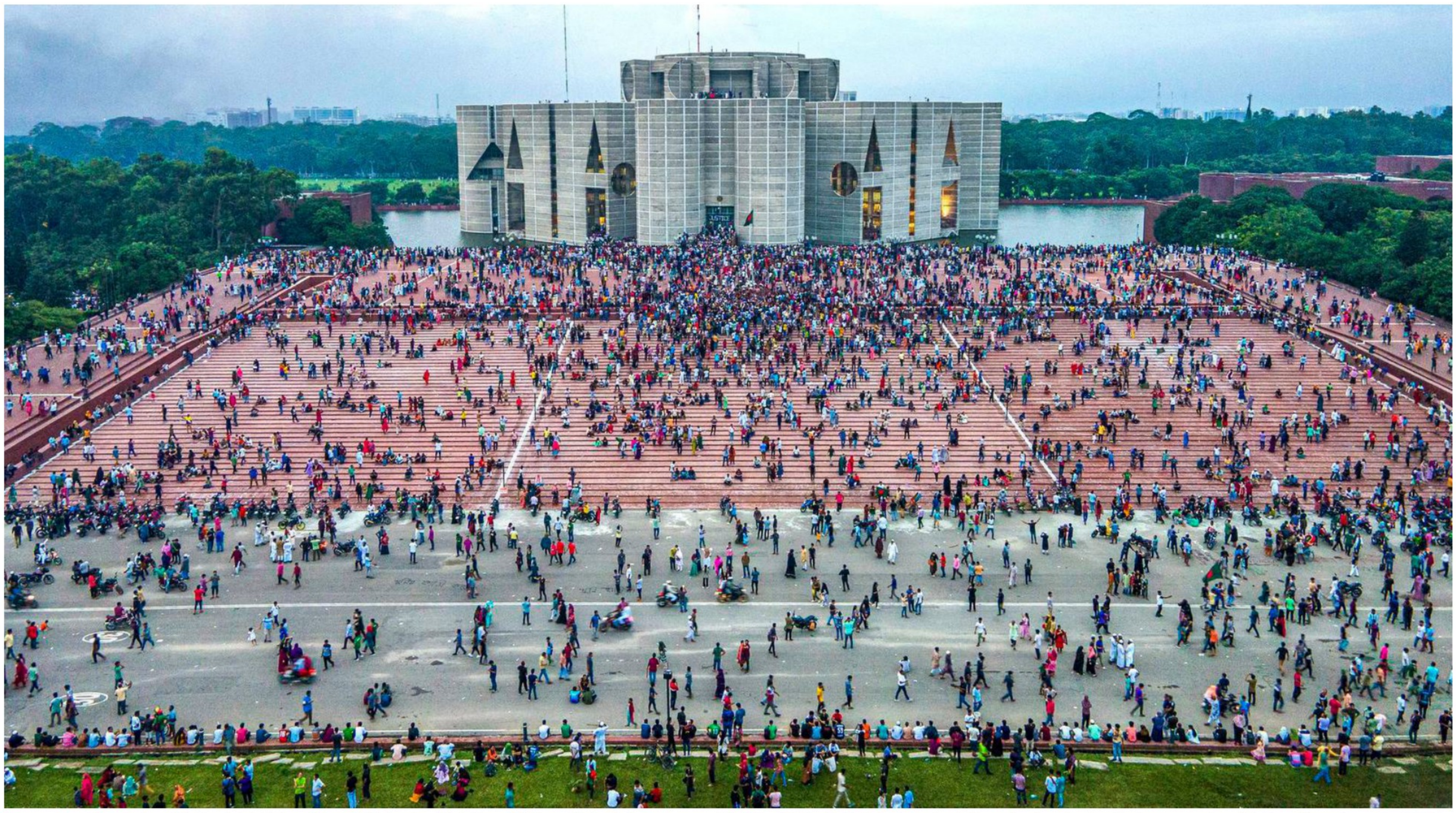
For a nation that had to undergo the agony and trauma of disqualification of ace wrestler Vinesh Phogat, the sparkling victories secured by Neeraj Chopra in javelin and the Indian hockey team at Paris, should indeed be soothing and refreshing.

Neeraj Chopra's well-deserved victory is a perfect tribute to his grit and determination, and relentless hard work.

B. Suresh Kumar,
Coimbatore

It is clear from the full-page data-graphic that not only has India's performance in the Olympics been sad but it is evident that we do not have much potential in the Olympics as such (Opinion page, "A widening Olympic quest", August 9). With a population of over 1.4 billion, it is unfortunate that we have a meagre presence in most international events. In contrast, China has marched ahead in the medal tally. It is high time we realise that sport is part of a nation's evolution.

Raghunath Menon,
Hyderabad



Change makers Drone footage of the Bangladesh Parliament House in Dhaka, when Chief of Army Staff General Waker-Uz-Zaman announced that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has resigned after weeks of unrest and an interim government would be formed to run the country. EPA-EFE

The making of the Bangladesh revolt

How students took down an elected government prone to authoritarianism. **Rabiul Alam** reports on the developments from July 1, when images coming out of the country showed a movement driven by both anger and courage. University representatives are now part of the country's interim government

As dawn approached on Saturday morning of July 20, a disturbing scene unfolded in Monsur Nagar Housing Estate in Savar upazila, on the outskirts of Dhaka. Some eight to 10 plainclothes men identifying themselves as being from the detective branch (DB) of Bangladesh Police, surrounded the home of Abul Khair, a 70-year-old, who had fought in the 1971 war for freedom. The officers, armed and aggressive, began shouting and demanded that Khair open the gate, threatening to break it down if he did not. Soon, they forcefully entered, seized the family's phones and detained Khair's two sons, Arif Sohel, 27, and Mohammad Ali Jowel.

While Jowel was released, Sohel went missing for the next 36 hours. No police station the family approached denied his detention; nor did they show his arrest, says the family. He was allegedly beaten up and not given food. For this brief spell, the family says Sohel was another victim of 'enforced disappearance', a common tactic the people of Bangladesh say the former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's government used, to suppress dissent. Then, he was officially shown as arrested and placed on a seven-day remand in a case his family says is fabricated. Sohel's father says, "The behavior of the law enforcement agencies was similar to that of the Pakistani military during the Liberation War."

Sohel is a student and convener of the Jahangir Nagar University of Students Against Discrimination movement that swept the country from July 1. The students were protesting the June 5 Dhaka Supreme Court ruling to reinstate a 30% government job quota for descendants of 1971 independence war veterans (the quota had been withdrawn in 2018).

Student unrest

Like many other movements across the world, including India's Mandal Commission and China's Tiananmen square, students across Bangladesh took to the streets in the thousands. They demanded the abolition of the quota and the establishment of a merit-based system instead. Underlying the anti-quota protests though, was the fear that members of the Awami League, the political party that led Bangladesh's independence movement against Pakistan, would benefit.

The student protests were met with a brutal reaction from the government. Citizens went through raids, in which thousands of students, opposition leaders, and others were arrested for their alleged involvement in the Students Against Discrimination movement. A curfew was imposed on the midnight of July 19. Images of the army and police firing on students came out of the country, with India saying this was Bangladesh's "internal matter", the same way that Hasina's government had described India's Citizenship Amendment Act in 2022. In fact, Hasina was the first state guest to visit India after the Bharatiya Janata Party government came to power for a third term this year.

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> **SHAHIDUL ALAM**
> Human rights activist and photographer

When violence broke out, about 300 Indian students who had been pursuing MBBS degrees, returned home. The internet was cut, and it was difficult to reach friends and relatives. So far, 439 people have died in the violence, as per Prothom Alo, a leading newspaper in Bangladesh.

Under pressure from students, the Supreme Court scaled back the quota on July 21 to 5%, with an additional 2% for ethnic minorities. Sifat Hasan Sakib, one of the organisers from Dhaka's government-run Jagannath University, says, "We fought against discrimination, and students won the fight, even at the cost of lives. We want a peaceful environment on university campuses, which has been absent for a long time due to the student wing of the Awami League, Bangladesh Chhatra League. Regular students' union elections can play a crucial role in protecting the rights of students."

Students say the Bangladesh Chhatra League dominates student life on campus, doling out privileges only to its members, and capturing posts that no other student organisation was allowed to hold. Abdullah Al Mamun, a recent graduate from the English Department of Dhaka College, expressed his frustration, saying, "There was no alternative but to take to the streets in protest.... Sheikh Hasina would often boast about economic development, but at the same time, she allowed Chhatra League to dismantle the education system in Bangladesh."

He says the integrity of job examinations was severely compromised. "It was common for exam paper leaks. Moreover, the viva boards were biased, often favoring candidates affiliated with Chhatra League. This left general students with little hope of securing a job. The system was rigged against us."

Bangladesh's tipping point

Similar to how the 1857 uprising was sparked by a long history of disenchantment with British oppression, the students' movement emerged from deep-seated political and social angst against authoritarianism and human rights violations. Thousands joined from across the country, and it was so strong it compelled Hasina to resign in the presence of the three service chiefs and flee the country, on August 5 this year. The former Prime Minister, elected for the fifth time in January this year, arrived in India and continues to be here, her future plans uncertain.

Smoke billows near a burnt Awami League party office as anti-government protestors set fire to it in Dhaka on August 6, 2024. AFP

When she left her official residence, Ganabhaban, the public stormed its lavish premises. The world saw images of people making off with suitcases and deep freezers, but also goats, fish, and a German Shepherd pup. Statues of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Hasina's father, considered the founding father of Bangladesh, were vandalised, the video going viral.

The army chief, General Waker-Uz-Zaman, called for peace, and on August 6 it was announced that Muhammad Yunus, the 84-year-old pioneer of microfinance who won the Nobel prize in 2006, would lead an interim government, with 16 advisers, including two student representatives. The Hasina government had filed over 200 cases against the Grameen Bank founder, for corruption.

It wasn't just student politics that brought the Hasina government down. According to Bangladeshi human rights organisations, security forces have committed over 600 enforced disappearances since 2009. While some people were later released, produced in court, or said to have died during an armed exchange with security forces, nearly 100 people remain missing, they say.

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> **ABDULLAH AL MAMUN**
> Graduate from the English Department, Dhaka College

These actions angered people. For instance, Brigadier General (suspended) Abdullahil Amaan Azmi was released from the detention centre known as Aynaghar (House of Mirrors), after eight years of captivity in the early hours of August 6. Azmi is the son of late Ghulam Azam, the former *ameer* (chief) of the Jamaat-e-Islami, a religion-based political party that was started in 1941 and has its roots in present-day Pakistan. He was allegedly forcibly picked up from his residence on August 23, 2016, and had since been missing. The Hasina government had repeatedly denied the existence of Aynaghar and 23 other detention camps, where political opponents were allegedly kept.

The Hasina government had, on August 1, banned the Jamaat-e-Islami, saying it was a threat to public security. The Jamaat is a key ally of former Prime Minister Khaleda Zia's Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), who was then in jail on charges of corruption, but now released. "They (Jamaat and BNP) just used the students as their shield," Hasina had said, when Italian Ambassador Antonio Alessandro called on her, news agency PTI reported.

The Jamaat's central executive committee member and the party's media and publicity secretary, Matiur Rahman Akanda, calls the 2024 election a "dummy election".

After the fall of the Hasina regime, families of political prisoners secretly jailed under her rule have gathered in front of Director General of Forces Intelligence (DGFI) headquarters. Sanjida Islam Tulee, co-founder of Mayer Dak, an organization of the families of the victims of 'enforced disappearances', says, "We have learnt from recently released former army officer Brigadier General Abdullahil Aman Azmi that there are many others in that Aynaghor. We went to the DGFI office to find out who is detained there and to talk about the issue." They demand that the prisoners be released together instead of separately.

Media strangulation

The Bangladeshi media have often accused the government of stifling freedom of speech and assembly. According to a research paper by the Centre for Governance Studies (CGS), at least 451 journalists were sued under the Digital Security Act (DSA) since its inception and 255 of them were sued for their journalistic reports. Among the accused, 209 journalists are associated with national-level Bangladesh media and 197 with regional media outlets. The CGS found that at least 4,520 people have been charged in 1,436 cases filed between October 2018 and September 2023.

Raihan Hossain, a journalist from Jago News, an online news outlet in Bangladesh, says journalists in Bangladesh have faced huge challenges, particularly when reporting on sensitive issues like the extra-judicial killings, enforced disappearances, and the corruptions.

He says, "Journalists who dared to investigate and report on these issues often faced severe threats. The powers-that-be would go to great lengths to silence us, using intimidation and fear to prevent any negative coverage. It was a constant battle, and many of us were put in positions where our safety was at risk simply for trying to do our jobs."

He adds that the situation was further complicated by the government's blatant 'favouritism' for certain media outlets. "Newspapers that aligned with the government's agenda were granted numerous facilities and privileges, while those that attempted to maintain journalistic integrity were often deprived of essential resources. This made it increasingly difficult for independent journalism to thrive, as the government's influence over the media landscape created an environment where only the voices that supported the official narrative could prosper."

A rise in minority violence

After Hasina's fall, there has also been a rise in violence against the Hindu minority. According to Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council (BHBCUC), 200-300 Hindu homes and businesses were vandalized, and 15-20 temples were damaged. Many have been injured.

Rana Dasgupta, the general secretary of the BHBCUC Oikya Parishad says, "Some of those whose homes were attacked may be directly involved in Awami League politics, but 98% are Hindus not involved in political activity." He hopes the interim government will restore stability and protect minorities. Student and Jamaat leaders have put out statements asking supporters to guard temples and churches as diplomats and rights groups expressed concerns over reports of attacks on minority groups.

Monzurul Islam, president of the Bangladesh Islami Chhatra Shibir, the student wing of Jamaat-e-Islami, says they do not consider any group a minority or majority in the country: "Everyone is equal," he says, despite the group's belief that the reason for Hasina's political dominance in the country was India. Hindus, who form 8% of the population of over 17 crore, were traditionally Awami League supporters.

Photographer and human rights activist Shahidul Alam says, "India is effectively Bangladesh's only neighbour. It is also a major trade partner. It makes no sense for Bangladesh not to have a cordial relationship with India." He hopes though that a future relationship will be based on equality, rather than that of a 'big brother'.

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SC grants Sisodia bail in Delhi excise policy case

The prosecution has 493 witnesses lined up. There were over a lakh pages of documents and over 1,000 documents involved in the case. "As observed time and again, prolonged incarceration before being pronounced guilty of an offence cannot be permitted to become punishment without bail," Justice Gavai noted.

The Bench said the Supreme Court was flooded with "open-and-shut" bail cases rejected by the trial and High Courts. The principle that 'bail is the rule and jail an exception' is being followed in breach.

Mr. Sisodia had undergone two earlier rounds of litigation for bail. The first round ended on October 30 last year with the top court denying him interim bail while upholding his right to speedy trial. The probe agencies had assured the top court to conclude the trial in the next six to eight months. The second round culminated on June 4, 2024, again in the Supreme Court. Mr. Sisodia was denied interim bail but was allowed to "revive" his plea as soon as the final chargesheet was filed.

Rejecting the agencies' contention that Mr. Sisodia should seek his bail first in the trial court rather than directly approach the top court, Justice Gavai, on Friday, said the grant of bail was not a "snake-and-ladder game" and it would be a "travesty of justice" to relegate the bail plea to the trial court. "Procedure is the handmaid of justice not the mistress of justice," the court highlighted.

Three village volunteers killed in Manipur firing

Officials said search operations revealed that a house in the Molnom village area was burnt down. The house allegedly belonged to one S.S. Haokip, purportedly associated with the United Kuki Liberation Front, an insurgent group part of a Suspension of Operations (SoO) agreement with the Government of India.

While senior police officers in Tengnoupal told *The Hindu* that they were yet to find any dead bodies by Friday evening in the area, sources in the Kuki-Zo civil society organisations (CSO) have said that the bodies of the three village volunteers had been accounted for and were being kept in a Kuki-Zo village near the area.

The sources added that the firing was a result of a "misunderstanding" between one of the SoO groups and village volunteers, both of whom have been standing guard at the Kuki-Zo side of the buffer zone ever since the conflict began.

Supreme Court refuses to put off NEET-PG

"What happened in NEET-UG has affected the NEET-PG. Exam centres were cut down from 1,200 to 500," Mr. Hegde said. The petitioners had sought postponement of the NEET-PG exam saying that candidates were allocated cities inconvenient for them to reach.

The Chief Justice wondered who was really behind petitions seeking rescheduling of exams. "We don't know who is behind these petitions. We are not talking about your clients... but a larger number of centres always serve the purpose of those who want to cheat the system," he said.

Noting that the court was not in favour of rescheduling the exam, Mr. Hegde said the Bench should at least intervene with a direction to the authorities to hold one exam per day. He said the current schedule was gruelling with two exams, one paper in the morning and the second one in the afternoon, a day.

"Then it will be normalised. Normalisation will lead to other problems... Normalisation is inherently problematic," Mr. Hegde submitted.

But the court did not budge. "It is not a perfect world and we are not academic experts. Three of us cannot be expected to sit down and devise a new policy better than the existing one," the Chief Justice said.

MHA panel to ensure safety of Indians

In all four cases, they were persuaded to return, with the help of Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB) and district authorities in the neighbouring country.

On Friday, more than 700 Bangladeshis thronged the Sitalkuchi border in Cooch Behar district in North Bengal, demanding entry into India. They were not from the immediate vicinity but had come in buses from locations around 300 to 400 kilometres away, the official said.

"No women or children were present among the crowd, which makes us suspicious about their movement. With the help of BGB and District Collector of Lalmonirhat in Bangladesh, they were persuaded to return. However, around 100 to 150 people are still present at the zero line," a senior government official said.

Mr. Shah said on X that the committee had been formed "in the wake of the ongoing situation in Bangladesh".

The committee constituted by MHA is chaired by Ravi Gandhi, BSF Additional Director General, Eastern Range, and includes Aditya Mishra, chairperson of the Land Ports Authority of India.

Govt. says 'creamy layer' not applicable to SC, ST quota

It is decided that reservation will be provided as per Babasaheb's Constitution, says Ashwini Vaishnaw after Cabinet meeting; no mention of 'creamy layer' in court's verdict, says Law Minister

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

BJP's Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha MPs of SC/ST communities submit a memorandum regarding the verdict on reservation to Narendra Modi at the Parliament House in New Delhi. ANI

The Union Cabinet on Friday categorically asserted that the principle of creamy layer does not apply to reservation for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs). Announcing this at a Cabinet briefing, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said extensive discussion was held on the recent Supreme Court judgement that allowed States to sub-categorise SCs and STs.

"This government is committed to the Constitutional provisions given by Babasaheb Bhim Rao Ambedkar. There is no provision of creamy layer in Babasaheb's Constitution. The Cabinet's well thought through decision is that it is only as per Babasaheb's Constitution that reservation for SC/ST should be provided," Mr. Vaishnaw said after a meeting of the Union Cabinet.

Earlier in the day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi assured a group of BJP MPs belonging to SC and ST communities that no 'creamy layer' distinctions would be applied within the quota of jobs and seats in educational institutions reserved for SCs.

Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal also told the Lok Sabha that the 'creamy layer' principle was not part of the Supreme Court's recent judgement on sub-categorisation within the SC quota. On August 1, the Supreme Court had ruled in a 6:1 majority judgment authored by Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud that States were permitted to sub-classify communities within the SC list based on empirical data, to grant quotas within the reserved category to uplift those who belong to the more underprivileged castes. However, Justice B. R. Gavai had said that States must evolve a policy for identifying the "creamy layer" even among the SCs and STs and deny them the benefit of reservation.

In his meeting with the MPs, including Mr. Meghwal and Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Kiren Rijiju, Mr. Modi was firm in his assurances.

After the meeting at Parliament House, former Union Minister and BJP MP Faggan Singh Kulaste posted on X that the delegation of MPs had requested the Prime Minister not to consider the opinion of four judges who had advocated the application of a 'creamy layer' principle within the SC quota.

"Prime Minister Modi agreed with the feelings expressed by the delegation of MPs and said that he was committed to not applying the creamy layer within the SC category," Mr. Kulaste said.

69 Indians still with Russian Army, eight killed: Jaishankar

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S. Jaishankar

Over the past nine months, 91 Indians have been recruited into the Russian Army, and eight have been killed, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar told the Lok Sabha on Friday.

Noting that 69 Indians were still awaiting release from the Russian Army, he said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had "personally" raised the issue with Russian President Vladimir Putin during his visit to Moscow last month.

"The Prime Minister got President Putin's assurance that any Indian national who is in the service of the Russian Army will be discharged and released. We should not jump the gun and say the Russians are not serious on this matter. It is important to hold the Russian government to their word; we are here to get back those 69 Indian citizens because Indian citizens should not be serving in the army of foreign countries," he said.

He was replying to pointed questions from AIMIM MP Asaduddin Owaisi who asked whether the government would stop buying oil from Russia if the Russian government did not take the matter seriously.

Mr. Jaishankar said the government is now facilitating their repatriation. "Fourteen out of 91 Indians have been discharged or in some manner have come back with our assistance. Out of eight Indians who died in Russia, the mortal remains of four of them have been sent to India with the payment made from Indian community welfare fund," he said.

He added that the Central Bureau of Investigation has registered a criminal case against 19 individuals and entities engaged in human trafficking.

BJP questions Rahul's silence on minority safety in Bangladesh

Devesh K. Pandey
NEW DELHI

The BJP on Friday questioned the "silence" of Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi over the safety and security of the minority communities, particularly Hindus, in Bangladesh after the fall of the Sheikh Hasina government.

In the Lok Sabha, MP Anurag Singh Thakur said that leaders cutting across party lines were concerned about what had transpired in Bangladesh and had also talked about the safety of the minorities there.

Through a post on X, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday congratulated the head of the interim government in Bangladesh, Mohammad Yunus, but also expressed hope for an early return to normalcy, ensuring the safety and protection of Hindus and all other minority communities, he said.

Mr. Gandhi also complimented Mr. Yunus via an X post. However, he did not mention anything about the security of Hindus and other minority communities, he added.

BJP'sC.R. Kesavan took to X, accusing the Congress of hypocrisy. "PM @narendramodi ji urged Mohammad Yunus to ensure the safety of Hindus and all other minorities, when congratulating him. However, there has been deafening hypocritical radio silence from the Congress on the safety and welfare of Hindus and other minorities in neighbouring Bangladesh," he said.

RSS urges Yunus govt. to protect minorities

NEW DELHI
The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) on Friday expressed its serious concern over incidents of violence against Hindus, Buddhists and other minority communities in Bangladesh. RSS general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale urged Bangladesh's interim government to take strict action to stop such incidents.

Speaker is guardian of rights of all MPs, says Birla

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Friday said the Chair of the House did not function on the basis of ideology or party, and was the guardian of rights of all members.

He was inaugurating an orientation programme organised by the Parliamentary Research and Training Institute for Democracies (PRIDE) for newly elected MPs of the 18th Lok Sabha, in the Parliament House Complex.

The Speaker said that it was very important for the new MPs to work towards enhancing the dignity and prestige of the House. The conduct of MPs, inside and outside the House, should always be of high standards; they must uphold the dignity of the House, he said, adding that people closely note the actions, words and conduct of their representatives. It was the responsibility of the MPs to ensure dignified behaviour and conduct in accordance with the directions of the Chair, he said.

Will seek extension for air connectivity scheme, says Minister

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Rammohan Naidu

The Union government will seek an extension for the regional air connectivity scheme (RCS) beyond the initial 10-year period it was announced for at the time of its launch in 2016, Civil Aviation Minister Rammohan Naidu informed Parliament on Friday.

The Minister was addressing members of Lok Sabha following a discussion on the new Bharatiya Vayuyan Vidheyak Bill, 2024, which was passed by the Lower House. The Bill replaces the Aircraft Act, 1934 and seeks to remove ambiguities arising out of multiple amendments over the past nine decades.

The Minister informed Parliament that under the RCS scheme, subsidy support was provided to airlines for routes bagged by them after a bidding process for a period of three years. However, "now a specific situation has arisen and airlines are backing away from that route after three years. We will address this issue," he said.

Mr. Naidu said that the government will tweak the RCS norms so that after one year, the routes can be rebid. It was not clear from the Minister's speech whether he implied one year after the award of the route or one year after the closing down of the route.

The Hindu reported on July 30 that of the 479 routes that had been launched since the start of the scheme, nearly 50% or 225 had ceased flight operations. Of the total, as many as 97 routes shut down after completing the three-year subsidy period as airlines could not sustain operations on their own. Many underused airstrips revived under the scheme had also fallen into disuse.

New Bill to give statutory powers to Railway Board

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Friday introduced the Railways (Amendment) Bill, 2024 in the Lok Sabha, which seeks to grant statutory powers to the Railway Board and enhance the functioning and independence of the body.

The Railways was separated from the Public Works Department and the Railway Board Act was enacted in 1905, he said. "A contemporary railway law, the Railways Act, was enacted in 1989 by repealing the Indian Railways Act, 1890. However, the Railway Board continued to function through an executive decision without any statutory sanction."

"The current Bill proposes to simplify the legal framework by incorporating the proposals of the Indian Railway Board Act, 1905 in the Railways Act, 1989. This will reduce the need to refer to two laws," Mr. Vaishnaw said in the Statement of Objects and Reasons of the Bill.

SC stays college directive banning hijab on campus

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday stayed a directive issued by a private college in Maharashtra prohibiting Muslim women students from wearing hijab or other symbols of their faith on campus.

"Will you ban students from wearing a *bindi* or a *tilak*?" a Bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Sanjay Kumar asked the lawyers appearing for the Mumbai-based N.G. Acharya and D.K. Marathe College.

Justice Khanna said students should be allowed to mingle and study together.

Justice Kumar questioned the college's reasoning that the instruction was intended to draw attention away from the religion of students and to treat everyone equally on the campus despite their faith. "Will their names not reveal religion? Will you ask them to be identified by numbers?" he asked.

The college, represented by senior advocate Madhavi Divan, had justified that the instruction was to maintain an equanimous academic atmosphere on the campus.

The Bench asked whether the college had suddenly woken up to the fact that this was a religiously diverse country. It listed the case for hearing in November.

A few Muslim students, led by Zainab Abdul Qayyum Choudhary, had appealed to the top court against a Bombay High Court decision on June 26, confirming the dress code policy issued by the Chembur Trombay Education Society's college.

The row over wearing hijab in educational institutions had earlier reached the Supreme Court in a case from Karnataka.

Centre paves way for 8 new railway lines, PMAY-U 2.0

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet on Friday approved eight new railway projects at an estimated cost of ₹24,657 crore to provide connectivity, facilitate ease of travelling, minimise logistics costs, reduce oil imports and lower carbon dioxide emissions.

Expected to be completed by 2030-31, the projects cover 14 districts in the seven States of Odisha, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar, Telangana and West Bengal, which will increase the existing network of the railways by 900 km.

The Cabinet also approved the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) 2.0 under which financial assistance will be provided to one crore urban poor and middle-class families to construct, purchase or rent a house at affordable cost. A total government subsidy of ₹2.30 lakh crore will be provided under the scheme which will have a total investment of ₹10 lakh crore, an official statement said.

Under PMAY-U, 1.18 crore houses have been sanctioned while more than 85.5 lakh houses have already been constructed.

Boost for agriculture

The Cabinet gave its nod for the Clean Plant Programme (CPP), an initiative proposed by the Ministry of Agriculture to provide virus-free, high-quality planting material to farmers. The Centre said the move would lead to increased crop yield and improved income opportunities for farmers. The scheme entails an investment of ₹1,765.67 crore.

"The programme will prioritise affordable access to clean plant material for all farmers, regardless of their landholding size or socioeconomic status. The programme will actively engage women farmers in its planning and implementation, ensuring their access to resources, training and decision-making opportunities," a government release said.

Opposition parties prepare to move no-confidence motion against V-P

About 50 MPs have come together on the decision, saying they should be given the space and time to speak, that the House should be run on rules and convention and that Jagdeep Dhankhar must refrain from personal remarks against members

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

As many as 50 Opposition MPs, sources said, have signed a resolution to bring a no-confidence motion against Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar under Article 67(B) of the Constitution, which states that the Vice-President can be removed by a resolution of the Rajya Sabha passed by an effective majority and agreed upon by the Lok Sabha with a simple majority.

The Opposition's decision comes at a time of a deteriorating relationship with Mr. Dhankhar, who is also the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha. The resolution is based on three points. The MPs say there is a marked lack of space and time for the Opposition to express its views. The Opposition argues that parliamentary convention dictates that the Leader of the Opposition is conceded the floor, if he gets up to speak.

In protest: Opposition members after staging a walkout during the Parliament session on Friday. PTI

Their complaint is that Congress president and the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge's microphone is routinely turned off.

The second point that the Opposition has raised is that the House should be run by "rules and convention" and the floor of the House is "supreme" to any other area in Parliament. "Every time we complain, we are told to see the Chairman in his chamber. The problems generated on the floor of the House should be sorted there," a senior Opposition leader said.

The third accusation that the Opposition has made against the Chairman is on "personal remarks against members". "Rule 238(2) of the Rajya Sabha clearly states that a member while speaking shall not make a personal charge against a member. This is a rule that the Chairman must also abide by," another Opposition member pointed out.

If the Opposition moves such a resolution, it will be the first such occasion in Indian parliamentary history.

Article 67(B) says that for moving this resolution "at least fourteen days notice" has to be given. Sources said that the move was being talked about for over a week but the confrontation in the House over the past few days was the last straw.

Opposition leaders said that they would keep the issue alive and make the move in the next session. They conceded that they may not have the numbers to make the final push.

In the Rajya Sabha, the Opposition INDIA bloc, barring the YSR Congress, the Bharat Rashtra Samithi, and the Biju Janata Dal, has 86 members. The Lok Sabha also has to pass the resolution. "This is not about arithmetic. It is about relaying our sentiments and putting it on record," an Opposition leader said.

21 Lok Sabha, 10 Rajya Sabha members in JPC on Waqf Bill

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

The government on Friday announced a 31-member Joint Parliamentary Committee to examine the contentious Waqf Amendment Bill, 2024.

The committee will have 21 members from the Lok Sabha and 10 from the Rajya Sabha and will submit its report to the Lok Sabha by the last day of the first week of the next session.

The motion for the formation of the committee was moved in the Lok Sabha by Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju, who also holds the Minority Affairs portfolio.

The Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024 was introduced in the Lok Sabha on Thursday and referred to a Joint Parliamentary Committee after a heated debate, with the government asserting the proposed law did not intend to interfere with the functioning of mosques and the Opposition alleging that the Bill was targeted at Muslims and an attack on the Constitution. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla informed the House that he would constitute the joint panel after consulting the leaders of all the parties.

The 21 Lok Sabha members in the panel are Jagdambika Pal, Nishikant Dubey, Tejasvi Surya, Aparajita Sarangi, Sanjay Jaiswal, Dilip Saikia, Abhijit Gangopadhyay, D. K. Aruna (all BJP), Gaurav Gogoi, Imran Masood, Mohammad Jawed (all Congress), Maulana Mohibullah (SP), Kalyan Banerjee (Trinamool Congress), A. Raja (DMK), Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayalu (TDP), Dileshwar Kamait (JDU), Arvind Sawant (Shiv Sena-UBT), Suresh Mhatre (NCP-Sharad Pawar), Naresh Mhaske (Shiv Sena), Arun Bharti (Lok Janshakti Party-Ram Vilas), and Asaduddin Owaisi (AIMIM).

The Rajya Sabha members are Brij Lal, Medha Vishram Kulkarni, Ghulam Ali, Radha Mohan Das Agrawal, Syed Naseer Hussain, Mohammed Nadimul Haque, V. Vijaysai Reddy, M. Mohamed Abdulla, Sanjay Singh, and Dharamasthal Virendra Heggade.

The Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) has objected to being left out of the committee.

Mirwaiz opposes the Bill, terms it a 'cause for concern'

SRINAGAR
Kashmir's chief cleric Mirwaiz Umar Farooq on Friday opposed the Bill on Waqf Board and termed it "a cause for concern". He also accused the government of "persisting in its agenda to disempower Muslims and use them as polarising agents for electoral purposes".

Opposition stages walkout from RS over Dhankhar's 'tone'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Opposition boycotted Rajya Sabha proceedings on the final day of the Budget Session after a serious disagreement with Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar on alleged derogatory remarks made against Leader of the Opposition and Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge by BJP MP Ghanshyam Tiwari. The Treasury benches moved a censure motion against the Opposition's conduct, with allies calling for punitive measures against Opposition leaders.

The confrontation began at noon, the beginning of the Question Hour, when Congress chief whip Jairam Ramesh asked about the status of the Chairman's ruling on a written complaint from the Congress asking him to expunge Mr. Tiwari's remarks against Mr. Kharge.

Mr. Dhankhar said the BJP member had actually praised Mr. Kharge in Sanskrit. Noting that "people don't apologise when they praise", he claimed that the matter had already been amicably sorted out between the two in his presence in his chamber.

Jagdeep Dhankhar

However, Mr. Kharge insisted on a clarification on the floor of the House.

At this point, the Chairman allowed Samajwadi Party MP Jaya Bachchan to speak, calling her the last speaker on the issue.

"I am an artist, I understand body language and expression. Forgive me but your tone is not acceptable. We are colleagues sir, [though] you may be sitting on the chair," Ms. Bachchan said.

Mr. Dhankhar hit back, saying he did not want to be schooled. "You may be anybody. You may be a celebrity. You have to understand the decorum. I will not bear it. Never carry an impression that only you build reputations. We come here with reputations. We live up to reputations," he retorted.

As Trinamool Congress MP Sushmita Dev objected to the remarks, saying that Ms. Bachchan was an MP and not a celebrity in the House, Mr. Dhankhar said, "A senior member of the Parliament has no licence to run down the reputation of the chair, to question tone and tenor."

He accused Mr. Kharge of trying to convert the House into "an epicentre of disturbance" and criticised the Opposition for "disrespecting" democracy and the Constitution.

Seething Opposition members, who were not allowed to respond, staged a walkout and did not return for the rest of the day.

'No personal issues'

In his concluding remarks later, the Chairman said he had no personal issues with anyone, adding that he was deeply hurt at the use of intemperate language without any premise, and the decision to get traction by going to the media.

Adivasis are Hindus: Law Minister cites Protection of Civil Rights Act

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Adivasis have been included as persons professing the Hindu religion in the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955, the government told Parliament on Friday in response to a question.

Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal said various Acts, including the Protection of Civil Rights Act, defined 'Hindus'.

Mr. Meghwal said that in the explanation to Section 3 of the Act, it says, "Persons professing the Buddhist, Sikh or Jaina religion or persons professing the Hindu religion in any of its forms or developments including Virashaivas, Lingayats, Adivasis, followers of Brahmo, Prarthana, Arya Samaj and the Swaminarayan Sampraday shall be deemed to be Hindus."

Cong. moves privilege motion against Pradhan

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Friday submitted a notice to initiate privilege proceedings in the Rajya Sabha against Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan for allegedly "misleading" the House on the issue of 'dropping' the Preamble to the Constitution from certain NCERT textbooks.

Congress general secretary and chief whip in the Rajya Sabha Jairam Ramesh wrote to Rajya Sabha Chairman, attaching copies of the textbooks for Classes 3 and 6, where the Preamble has been omitted.

Budget Session ends ahead of schedule; 12 Bills introduced

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Both Houses of Parliament were adjourned *sine die* on Friday after an eventful Budget Session as Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla thanked the MPs and floor leaders of various political parties for the smooth functioning of Parliament. The session was scheduled to end on Monday.

Mr. Dhankhar said the session had the rare distinction of witnessing the seventh Budget in a row by the "first full-fledged woman Finance Minister" Nirmala Sitharaman.

He said there was insightful discussion on the Budget and members effectively participated in the discussions on the Ministries of Agriculture, Urban Affairs, and New and Renewable Energy.

"Overall, the House functioned for 90 hours and 35 minutes," he said.

Expressing anguish at the boycott by Opposition members, he urged MPs to engage in introspection so that the members can use Parliament for furthering public cause and for contributing towards national welfare. "To earn admiration of the people for our contributions in the House should be our sole objective rising above non-partisan interests," Mr. Dhankhar said.

Mr. Birla said the Lok Sabha sat for around 115 hours and its productivity was 136% during this session.

He also hosted all floor leaders for the customary tea after the session, which was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi, floor leaders of all parties, and senior Ministers.

Twelve Bills were introduced and four Bills passed during the session.

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S.No.	Name of the Post	No. of Post	Mode of Recruitment	Category
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S.No.	Name of the Department	No. of Posts	Mode of Recruitment	Category
1.	Sirappu Maruthuvam	01	Direct Recruitment	OBC
2.	Maruthuvam	01	Direct Recruitment (Anticipated Vacancy)	SC

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I will argue my case against NIA petition, Malik tells HC

Separatist leader Yasin Malik on Friday told the Delhi High Court that he wished to argue for himself against a National Investigation Agency (NIA) plea seeking death penalty for him in a terror funding case. The Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) chief, who is serving a life term in the case, turned down the court's suggestion to appoint a lawyer on his behalf. "I argued myself [earlier]. I will argue myself. I know my case much better. There was no lawyer in the trial court," Malik, who was virtually present for the court proceedings from Tihar jail, said. The High Court posted the hearing on the matter for September 19.

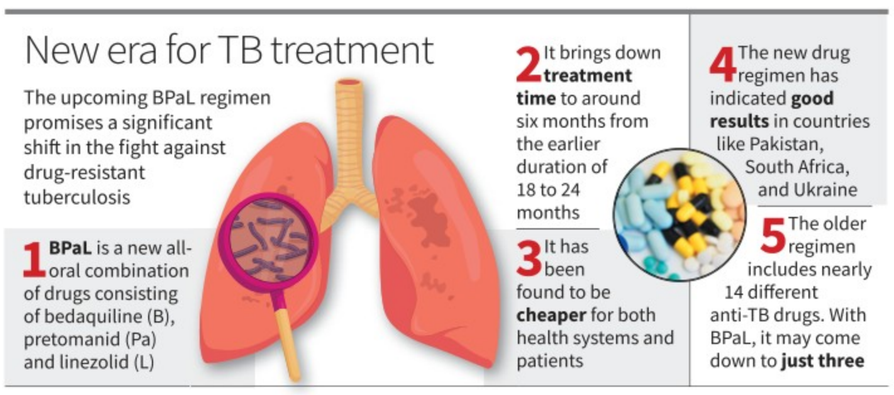
10,354 acres of defence land under encroachment: Centre

Around 10,354 acres of defence land across the country is under encroachment, Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth said in a written reply to the Lok Sabha on Friday. With 1,778.9 acres of encroached defence land, Uttar Pradesh topped the list, followed by Madhya Pradesh with 1,757.97 acres. At 0.003 acres, Mizoram recorded the least encroachment among the 32 States and Union Territories where encroachment had occurred. The other States in the top five are Maharashtra (1,031 acres), West Bengal (816 acres), and Haryana (780 acres). In Delhi, encroachment on 147.6 acres had been recorded.

India to roll out new treatment regimen for drug-resistant TB

Patients with MDR-TB and XDR-TB to be treated with BPaL, which will bring down treatment time to around six months from the earlier duration of 18 to 24 months; training to begin this month

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI


New era for TB treatment
The upcoming BPaL regimen promises a significant shift in the fight against drug-resistant tuberculosis
1 BPaL is a new all-oral combination of drugs consisting of bedaquiline (B), pretomanid (Pa) and linezolid (L)
2 It brings down treatment time to around six months from the earlier duration of 18 to 24 months
3 It has been found to be cheaper for both health systems and patients
4 The new drug regimen has indicated good results in countries like Pakistan, South Africa, and Ukraine
5 The older regimen includes nearly 14 different anti-TB drugs. With BPaL, it may come down to just three

India is getting ready to roll out the BPaL (bedaquiline, pretomanid, and linezolid) regimen for all multidrug resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB) and extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis (XDR-TB) patients. The training for this new exercise is scheduled to begin this month.

This is a significant move in the country's battle against M/XDR-TB, with the new drug regimen indicating good results in countries such as Pakistan, South Africa, and Ukraine.

Announcing this on social media on Friday, Soumya Swaminathan, principal adviser, National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme, said, "India is getting ready to roll out BPaL regimen for all M/XDRTB patients – training to begin this month. This should improve treatment outcomes & help thousands of patients. Scaling up NAAT coverage will be an essential element of the strategy."

A nucleic acid amplification test, or NAAT, for tuberculosis (TB) is a molecular test used to detect the DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) of Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex (MTBC) in a sputum or other respiratory sample.

Welcoming the announcement, Leena Menghaney, South Asia head of humanitarian aid organisation Médecins Sans Frontières, said: "After the availability of generic bedaquiline cost to TB programmes has fallen - BPaLM price is $426 ($130 bedaquiline, $238 pretomanid, $31 linezolid and $27 moxifloxacin). This is a momentous day for people with drug-resistant tuberculosis, because India will finally replace many of the longer, arduous, and less effective treatments by offering better, safer, and shorter BPaLM treatment that is much more likely to cure this deadly disease."

A senior Health Ministry official explained that after the introduction of the new anti-TB drug pretomanid, which is prescribed as part of the BPaL regimen, medical practitioners and researchers noted that the combination drastically cut short the TB treatment duration by half.

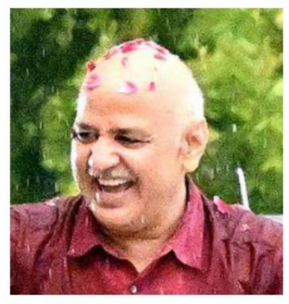
From a treatment duration range of 18 to 24 months, BPaL brings down treatment time to around six months. Furthermore, the older all-oral drug regimen included nearly 14 different anti-TB drugs for a patient to take every day. With BPaL, it is likely to come down to just three tablets daily.

In a paper titled "Savings from the introduction of BPaL and BPaLM regimens at the country level" published last month, the authors noted that in 2022, the World Health Organization recommended the six-month regimens BPaL (bedaquiline + pretomanid + linezolid) and BPaLM (BPaL + moxifloxacin) as treatment options for most forms of drug-resistant TB.

The study found that through the BPaL and BPaLM regimens, drug-resistant TB treatment has become more effective, shorter, less burdensome for patients, and cheaper for both health systems and patients.

SC verdict on Sisodia revives the 'bail, not jail, is the rule' adage

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI


Manish Sisodia

The Supreme Court judgment granting bail to former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia revived a well-settled but endangered principle that "jail and not bail is the exception", even in economic offence cases.

The adage "bail, not jail, is the rule" came from the pen of Justice Krishna Iyer, in 1977.

On Friday, a Bench of Justices B.R. Gavai and K.V. Viswanathan did not mince words while saying that High Courts and trial courts nowadays prefer to "play safe" and deny bail even if the case is an open-and-shut one.

"From our experience, we can say that it appears that the trial courts and the High Courts attempt to play safe in matters of grant of bail... The principle that bail is a rule and refusal is an exception is, at times, followed in breach... It is high time trial courts and the High Courts recognised once again the principle that 'bail is the rule and jail is the exception'," Justice Gavai, who authored the 38-page verdict, observed.

Justice Gavai said detention or jail before being pronounced guilty should not become punishment without trial.

Economic offences

There is merit in granting bail in economic offence cases if trial is not going to commence in the foreseeable future. The court said it was not proper to equate an economic offence with cases punishable with death or imprisonment for life, murder, rape, dacoity, kidnapping for ransom, and mass violence.

"Even if the allegation is a grave economic offence, it is not a rule that bail should be denied in every case... Ultimately, the consideration has to be made on a case-to-case basis, on the facts... The primary object is to secure the presence of the accused to stand trial," the Supreme Court said.

NIA secures extradition of 'pro-Khalistan' terror accused

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday arrested the brother of designated terrorist Lakhbir Singh, aka Landa, after securing his extradition from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in a case registered in 2022.

The accused had been identified as Tarsem Singh, who is from Punjab and was wanted by the NIA for his links with the banned outfit Babbar Khalsa International (BKI). The agency said he was a key aide of foreign-based "terrorists" Landa and Harwinder Sandhu aka Rinda.

A non-bailable warrant of arrest was issued against Tarsem Singh in June 2023. "He was a key member of BKI and an important terror node of designated terrorists Rinda and Landa in the UAE," it said.

TTEs to carry first-aid kits to help passengers who fall ill

S. Vijay Kumar
CHENNAI

The move will significantly improve the response time for passenger care during journey.

In an effort to ensure timely medical attention for passengers, the Indian Railways has decided to equip travelling ticket examiners (TTEs) with special first-aid kits. These kits will be available for use during medical emergencies on board trains, significantly improving the response time for passenger care during journeys.

To prevent delays

While first-aid kits are already accessible to station-masters and train managers, this new initiative extends the provision to TTEs. The aim is to not only enhance immediate medical care but also prevent potential delays by avoiding unscheduled stops for medical emergencies.

The pilot project, set to run for 12 months, will be launched across the Northern and North Central Railway zones. All TTEs on board will be supplied with first-aid kits containing both general and life-saving medications.

According to railway sources, there were numerous instances where passengers, particularly children, had experienced symptoms such as fever, extreme fatigue, stomach pain, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhoea – conditions that could often be managed with basic medication. In the absence of medical facilities or doctors on board, TTEs previously had no choice but to notify the authorities concerned to arrange for medical assistance at the next stop.

"There have been several cases where trains were delayed due to unscheduled stops made to arrange medical assistance for ill passengers. This affects the overall punctuality of the service. The Special first-aid kits include tablets like Sorbitrate, which can be administered to passengers experiencing chest pain, under the guidance of a doctor on board or through consultation with a railway hospital via phone," a railway officer explained.

The kits will also include tablets and injectables.

TTEs will ensure that basic medications such as paracetamol are administered under the supervision of a passenger trained in first aid, the sources said.

Political differences cast aside as thousands bid adieu to Buddhadeb

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

Last journey: Mourners gathered around the hearse of Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee to pay their respects. DEBASISH BHADURI

In a spontaneous outpouring of grief, thousands of people gathered at the office of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) on 31 Alimuddin Street in the heart of Kolkata on Friday to pay their last respects to former West Bengal Chief Minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee.

The veteran communist leader died on Thursday aged 80. On Friday, his body was donated to the Nil Ratan Sircar Medical College and Hospital.

On his last journey, the mortal remains were taken to the West Bengal Legislative Assembly where political differences were set aside as leaders across the political spectrum came together.

Leader of the Opposition Suvendu Adhikari and Trinamool Congress general secretary Abhishek Banerjee were seen in one frame offering tributes to Bhattacharjee who had been a member of the House for decades and Chief Minister from 2000 to 2011. Several Ministers of the State government, Speaker Biman Banerjee, and leaders of the Left parties and the Congress were present.

The scene outside the CPI(M) State headquarters was poignant as people marched arm-in-arm with emotions running high as the hearse carrying Bhattacharjee's body left the party office.

Tunes of the Rabindra Sangeet *Anandaloke Mongolaloke* played in the background as many wiped their tears and recalled fond memories of their beloved leader.

CPI(M) supporters formed a human chain to ensure a smooth passage for the hearse. The only other occasion when Kolkata had witnessed such scenes was on January 17, 2010, when former Chief Minister Jyoti Basu's body was taken out in a procession before being donated for medical research.

Kilometre-long queue

People formed a kilometre-long queue with roses and white tulips in their hands and waited to enter the Alimuddin Street party office.

Not everyone who gathered was a supporter of the CPI(M).

Prabir Kumar, who closed his small shop to pay homage to the former Chief Minister, said, "I have come because I respect the contribution these leaders have made to our State."

Former CPI(M) general secretary Prakash Karat said that with the passing of Bhattacharjee an era in the communist movement had ended.

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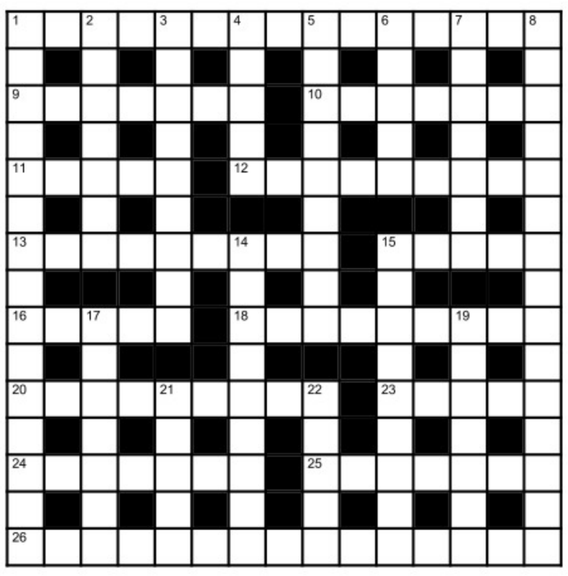

Across

1 Pick entertaining saints! Trick for media briefing! (5,10)
9 Popular, young and just endlessly evil spirit (7)
10 A magnet used for labelling (4,3)
11 Pace of part-time love (5)
12 Leader of Tories, walking like a duck and writing nonsense! (9)
13 How one may dive into water rashly? (9)
15 Watery discharge from nose and he stuffs rum! (5)
16 Magical trap traps head of imaginary animal (5)
18 Composing clues, so in isolation! (9)
20 It helps to identify most efficient way of doing something like rambling about smuggled tusk (4,5)
23 Deliver passes and linger (5)
24 Leer? Recite! (4,3)
25 Caught by passion, one surrenders her heart to commit adultery! (5,2)
26 Need to bend rules perhaps for word plays! (6,9)

Down

1 How communists celebrate in public? (5,3,4,3)
2 Praises come in a rush (7)
3 Speaker bores with UFO fancy (9)
4 One having small time charge (5)
5 Soft drink bar, most wonderful (9)
6 Loaded without power, frosty (5)
7 Post-sunset ritual reportedly makes ester (7)
8 Arenas for pre-marital fights? (10,5)
14 Er...shake up! (9)
15 Crudely shaped...when?! (5-4)
17 Upstart's standard score at 66% of locations (7)
19 He asks to come to a Milan Club around six (7)
21 Small cattle with large frown (5)
22 Year and a century, hard time for a sailor (5)

SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Adhere to dharmic life

Our dharma is the most unique, compact, expansive and the easiest to follow. One may ask what is dharma. It is nothing but a manual of good conduct, as derived from the Vedas. One may ask who is the author of Vedas? Having emanated from the breath of the Lord, who has neither a beginning nor an end, but is omnipresent, the Vedas show the pathway to God through correct observances, said His Holiness Sriman Sadagopa Ranganatha Yathindra Mahadesikan, the 46th pontiff of Ahobila Math, in his anugraha bhashanam.

The Vedas themselves are very difficult to comprehend, hence the dharma to be followed by various people is delineated in the sastras. The Brahmins have a pivotal role in that their adherence to the dharmic life will determine the welfare of the entire society. While following dharmic life benefits oneself and one's descendants, non-compliance brings harm all around. To instil the dharmic life, the Lord himself came to earth in several avatars. He also sent the Azhwars and the acharyas to teach devotees how to adhere to a principled life. Women too have a crucial role in supporting and ensuring that the men follow dharma and perform the essential duties expected of them, as laid out in the sastras. This would ensure the well-being of not only the performer but also his descendants and society.

INBRIEF

Byju's U.S. lenders move SC against quashing insolvency

Some overseas lenders to India's Byju's have appealed to the country's apex court opposing a verdict that had quashed insolvency proceedings against the embattled education start-up. U.S.-based Glas Trust, representing some lenders of a Byju's group company, on August 7 filed an appeal before the Supreme Court, challenging an appeals tribunal's verdict that allowed Byju's and the cricket control board of the country to settle a $19 million payment case. REUTERS

SHFL aims to disburse ₹450 cr. of home loans in Maharashtra

Sundaram Home Finance Ltd. (SHFL) aims to disburse ₹450 crore of home loans in Maharashtra in FY25, said Managing Director D. Lakshminarayanan. "Last year, the company disbursed home loans of ₹250 crore through its five branches," the MD said in a statement. Following good response to its first branch in Pune, where SHFL had disbursed over ₹100 crore in FY24, the company announced the opening of its second branch there.

Chola Financial's consolidated Q1 net rises 46% to ₹1,160 cr.

Cholamandalam Financial Holdings Ltd. reported consolidated net profit for the June quarter rose 46% from the year-earlier period to ₹1,160 crore. Revenue from operations increased to ₹7,633 crore from ₹5,626 crore, the investment arm of Murugappa group said in a statement. Cholamandalam Investment & Finance Co. Ltd. disbursed ₹24,332 crore against ₹20,015 crore with a net profit of ₹942 crore (₹726 crore). AUM grew 38% to ₹1,68,832 crore.

Bill proposing 4 nominees to a bank account tabled in LS

Proposals include transfer of unclaimed dividends, shares, and interest to the Investor Education and Protection Fund and allowing individuals to claim transfers and refunds from the fund

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A Bill proposing changes to banking laws, including giving an account holder the option of naming up to four nominees, has been tabled in the Lok Sabha.

Finance Ministry sources said the Bill seeks to improve governance standards, provide consistency in reporting by banks to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), ensure better protection for depositors and investors, improve audit quality in public sector banks and provide for extending tenures of directors (other than chairperson, whole-time director) in cooperative banks.

Banking on changes

The Bill ostensibly aims to improve governance and help ensure better depositor/investor protection

- One of the objectives is to boost audit quality in public sector banks
- Extending tenures of cooperative bank directors also finds place
- Bill also proposes to amend RBI Act, 1934 and SBI Act, 1955 among others

Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary introduced the Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024, that proposes to amend the RBI Act, 1934, the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, the State Bank of India Act, 1955, the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1970, and the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1980.

The Bill also seeks to transfer of unclaimed dividends, shares, and interest or redemption of bonds to the Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF), allowing individuals to claim transfers or refunds from the fund, thus safeguarding investors' interests.

Sensex, Nifty gain 1% led by technology, auto stocks

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The S&P BSE Sensex and the NSE's Nifty index rebounded on Friday, rising more than 1% on buying in technology, auto stocks.

The Sensex gained 1.04%, to close at 79,705.91 points, while the Nifty-50 rose 1.04% to 24,367.50.

TechMahindra led gains on the Sensex rising 2.74%, with Tata Motors (2.5%), M&M (2.45%) and HCL Tech (2.1%) also advancing.

"Global volatility is leading to erratic market swings, keeping traders on edge," said Ajit Mishra, SVP - Research, Religare Broking Ltd.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	79,706	1.04
US Dollar	83.95	0.02
Gold	72,450	1.54
Brent oil	79.64	0.81

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3187.55	20.00
Adani Ports	1533.80	14.80
Apollo Hosp	6587.85	45.95
Asian Paints	3040.60	35.20
Axis Bank	1142.75	4.60
Bajaj Auto	9765.95	124.65
Bajaj Finserv	1560.20	20.15
Bajaj Finance	6618.20	36.00
Bharti Airtel	1464.10	12.30
BPCL	333.40	-4.90
Britannia Ind	5740.30	-4.35
Cipla	1574.75	4.80
Coal India	529.80	6.35
Divis Lab	4829.95	-4.55
Dr Reddys Lab	7013.50	75.20
Eicher Motors	4830.60	253.70
Grasim Ind	2572.75	28.10
HCL Tech	1589.95	32.10
HDFC Bank	1650.20	7.50
HDFC Life	702.40	-7.95
Hero MotoCorp	5207.20	48.30
Hindalco	622.90	8.85
Hind Unilever	2747.20	14.00
ICICI Bank	1171.60	7.00
IndusInd Bank	1349.80	2.50
Infosys	1770.75	27.60
ITC	495.90	1.15
JSW Steel	905.10	17.55
Kotak Bank	1769.65	-3.10
L&T	3592.05	38.50
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5373.55	35.25
M&M	2749.15	66.20
Maruti Suzuki	12224.20	5.35
NestleIndia	2504.70	15.60
NTPC	410.65	2.95
ONGC	332.55	9.85
PowerGrid Corp	346.00	3.35
Reliance Ind	2948.60	50.35
SBI Life	1725.10	18.80
State Bank	824.30	16.25
Shriram Finance Ltd.	2958.10	85.90
Sun Pharma	1735.30	-1.75
TataConsumerProduct	1186.15	7.85
Tata Motors	1068.10	26.35
Tata Steel	151.81	1.53
TCS	4228.75	56.20
Tech Mahindra	1506.70	40.25
Titan	3331.70	35.20
UltraTech Cement	11300.35	42.35
Wipro	491.30	4.00

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on August 09

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	83.76	84.08
Euro	91.44	91.79
British Pound	106.76	107.17
Japanese Yen (100)	56.94	57.17
Chinese Yuan	11.68	11.73
Swiss Franc	96.88	97.25
Singapore Dollar	63.25	63.50
Canadian Dollar	60.95	61.19
Malaysian Ringitt	18.93	19.04
Australian Dollar	55.07	55.29

Source:Indian Bank

MFs' SIP AUM hit an all-time high of ₹13.09 lakh cr. in July

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Assets under management (AUM) of systematic investment plans (SIPs) at mutual funds hit a record ₹13.09 lakh crore in July, a 5.3% rise from June's ₹12,43 lakh crore, according to AMFI data.

The growth comes on the back of a 6.2% increase in the net AUM of MFs in India to ₹64.96 lakh crore in July, the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) said on Friday. Contributions to SIPs hit an all time high of ₹23,331.8 crore in July, a 10% rise from ₹21,262.2 crore a month earlier, AMFI said.

"The record in SIP contributions reflects the growing financial discipline among retail investors, helping them build wealth systematically over time," AMFI Chief Executive Venkat Chalasani said.

The data on MFs comes a day after RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das attributed the slowing deposit growth in the banking sector to retail investors moving to alternative investments.

'Enabling framework must for local ESG bonds'

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

There is a need to create an 'enabling framework' to help Indian companies issue environmental, social and governance (ESG) bonds locally, a senior RBI official said on Friday.

Underlining SEBI, which supervises regulations for bond markets, has done significant work, Dimple Bhandia, Chief General Manager, RBI, rued the development in repo for corporate bonds had not been satisfactory.

Grasim Industries Q1 net profit declines 25% to ₹1,189 crore

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Grasim Industries Ltd. reported June quarter consolidated net profit dropped 25% to ₹1,189 crore from ₹1,576 crore in the year-earlier period.

The decline was due to higher depreciation and interest charges on account of new growth businesses, the company said in a filing.

Consolidated revenue for Q1 FY25 stood at ₹33,861 crore a rise of 9% YoY, driven by "strong performance from its diversified businesses portfolio," the company said.

Cellulosic Staple Fibre, building materials and financial services business performed well, the diversified company added.

Grasim's cement business added new capacity of 8.7 million TPA, taking the total grey cement capacity (domestic and overseas) to 154.9 million TPA.

Birla Opus, the company's new paints unit enhanced market presence to more than 3,300 cities and towns, the firm said.

India Cements turns ₹57 cr. profit in Q1

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The India Cements Ltd. reported a standalone first-quarter net profit of ₹57 crore against a net loss of ₹75 crore in the year-earlier period, aided by a ₹241-crore profit from the sale of its Parli grinding unit.

Revenue from operations contracted 30% to ₹972 crore, while input costs declined by ₹74 crore to ₹182 crore, the cement major said in a statement.

Cement and clinker volumes slid to 19.61 lakh tonnes from 26.66 lakh tonnes. The overall blended cement proportion was at 61% compared with 59% last year. ICL said it could not take advantage of the reduced fuel cost as operating margins shrank further due to low volumes.

'Geo-strategic issues may hit capital flows'

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Global geo-strategic uncertainties have affected a wide swathe of the world, including India's neighbourhood, HDFC Bank' part-time chairman Atanu Chakraborty said.

"Adjustments in monetary policy in major economies have tried to remove the overhang of liquidity that was feeding inflation," he said at the AGM.

"These are bound to affect intra- and cross-border flows of capital. However, your bank is closely monitoring risks associated with such occurrences."

He said the positives and growth prospects of the Indian economy far outweigh the challenges that are global in nature.

"However, the Indian economy has emerged as one of brightest spots in the global macro scenario. "We continue to remain the fastest growing major economy. As against a projected global GDP growth rate of 3.2% this year,India is projected to grow in the range of 6.5 to 7%."

The timely interventions of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and its monetary policy actions had been crucial in combating inflation, the part-time chairman added.

Ola Electric rises on debut valuing e-scooter maker at $4.8 bn

Reuters
BENGALURU

Ola Electric Mobility's shares surged 20% on their trading debut in Mumbai on Friday, valuing the company at $4.8 billion, as investors bet on increasing adoption of electric vehicles in the world's largest market for two-wheelers.

The stock had listed flat to its initial public offering (IPO) price of 76 rupees before rising to 91.20 rupees in a broader market that was up 1%.

Ola Electric's $734 million IPO is India's biggest so far in 2024. .

With a 39% market share, Ola Electric dominates sales of electric scooters in India, after unveiling its first model just three years ago.

However, while Ola Electric's revenue soared, it is yet to report a profit.

'Cotton cultivation to be 10-12% lower this season as yields fall'

M. Soundariya Preetha
COIMBATORE

India's cotton cultivation has declined and will be 10-12% lower this season from the last one, said Cotton Association of India president Atul S. Ganatra.

Mr. Ganatra blamed this on falling crop yields per hectare. While the world average is 800 kg per hectare, it is almost half that in India, at about 480 kg a hectare. Indian farmers earn ₹90,000 per hectare compared with ₹5 lakh that their Australian counterparts earn.

Mr. Ganatra told *The Hindu* on Friday that the area under cotton last year was 127 lakh hectares. This has dropped to 108 lakh hectares so far this year.

"Sowing is almost over and we expect it will reach 113 lakh hectares," he said.

Pink bollworm

The crop size had reduced in the northern region (Punjab, Rajasthan, etc) by almost 35% because of pink bollworm infestation. While in Telangana it had shrunk by 7% and in Gujarat the area fell by 13-15% as farmers shifted to groundnut and tur dal.

Gujarat's cotton yields slid drastically likely due to irregular rains last year.

The carry forward stock for the next season could be nil. While production is likely to take a hit because of the fall in area under cultivation. Further, the government has increased the Minimum Support Price for raw cotton by ₹500 per quintal for the 2024-2025 season. This is likely to raise cotton prices next season, which begins in October, he added.

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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024

(₹ in Crores)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated		
		Quarter ended 30.06.2024 Unaudited	Quarter ended 31.03.2024 Unaudited	Period ended 31.03.2024 Audited	Quarter ended 30.06.2024 Unaudited	Quarter ended 31.03.2024 Unaudited	Period ended 31.03.2024 Audited
1	Total Income from operations	549.04	532.32	1,341.92	580.43	554.80	1,415.31
2	Net Profit / (Loss) before tax (before Exceptional Items)	23.02	29.59	88.80	(49.93)	(38.40)	(95.77)
3	Net Profit / (Loss) before tax (after Exceptional Items)	23.02	29.22	87.20	(49.93)	(38.77)	(97.37)
4	Net Profit / (Loss) after tax (after Exceptional Items)	17.13	20.73	64.52	(55.85)	(47.34)	(120.13)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss) (after tax)]	15.88	20.06	62.92	(57.37)	(48.01)	(121.73)
6	Equity share capital (Face value of Rs.5/- each)	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	-	-	787.49	-	-	590.04
8	Securities Premium	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	Networth	813.49	797.61	797.61	542.79	600.16	600.16
10	Outstanding Debt	1,144.02	975.78	975.78	1,603.90	1,417.37	1,417.37
11	Outstanding redeemable Preference Shares	0.87	0.87	0.87	0.87	0.87	0.87
12	Net Debt Equity Ratio	1.40	1.22	1.22	2.91	2.34	2.34
13	Earnings Per Share (Face value of Rs.5/-each) (not annualised) (In Rs.) (i) Basic (ii) Diluted	8.47 8.47	10.25 10.25	31.89 31.89	(27.60) (27.60)	(23.40) (23.40)	(59.38) (59.38)
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	NOT APPLICABLE					
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve	NOT APPLICABLE					
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	2.35	2.00	2.07	0.07	0.40	0.32
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	4.38	5.22	5.91	0.49	0.97	1.07
18	Current ratio (Times)	0.68	0.76	0.76	0.64	0.62	0.62
19	Long term debt to working capital (Times)	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	Bad debts to Accounts Receivable (Times)	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Current Liability Ratio (Times)	0.66	0.64	0.64	0.57	0.61	0.61
22	Total debts to total assets ratio (Times)	0.43	0.41	0.41	0.56	0.53	0.53
23	Debtors Turnover ratio (Times)	5.93	6.58	6.61	7.83	8.49	8.15
24	Inventory Turnover ratio (Times)	3.57	3.39	3.24	3.25	3.18	3.04
25	Operating Margin (%)	10.31	11.45	11.26	1.70	2.71	2.18
26	Net Profit Margin (%)	3.12	3.98	4.93	(9.62)	(8.46)	(8.38)

Notes:

1 The above unaudited financial results were reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 9th August 2024. These results have been subjected to limited review by the Statutory Auditors of the Company.

2 The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulations 33 & 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on the Stock exchange website www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com and on Company's website www.sundaram-clayton.com.

For Sundaram-Clayton Limited
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R.Gopalan
Chairman

Date : 9th August, 2024

KOSTYANTYNIVKA

Russian shelling on Ukraine supermarket kills 10, wounds 35

AFP

A Russian strike on a supermarket in the eastern Ukrainian town of Kostyantynivka on Friday killed at least 10 people and injured 35, Ukraine's Interior Minister said. Vadym Filashkin, Ukraine's governor of the Donetsk region, said Russian forces had shelled the town with cannon artillery. AFP

LONDON

Starmer says U.K. 'on high alert' amid fear of more far-right rallies

AFP

Prime Minister Keir Starmer warned on Friday that U.K. authorities must "stay on high alert" in the coming hours and days, amid fears of further far-right riots in English towns and cities. He added that "swift justice" dispensed on rioters by police and the courts in recent days had acted as a deterrent to more disorder. AFP

CARACAS

Maduro suspends X in Venezuela for 10 days after row with Musk

REUTERS

President Nicolás Maduro said he has ordered a 10-day block on access to X in Venezuela, accusing the owner Elon Musk of using the social network to promote hatred after the country's disputed presidential election. Mr. Maduro also accused the social network of being used by his opponents to create political unrest. AP

MANILA

Philippines, Vietnam hold their first-ever joint coast guard exercise

REUTERS

Crew of Philippine and Vietnamese vessels blasted a boat with water cannon and simulated a search and rescue on Friday, in the first such joint exercises between coast guards of two countries that have faced off with Beijing in the South China Sea. China claims sovereignty over almost the entire South China Sea. REUTERS

Yunus vows to protect Constitution as Bangladesh interim govt. begins work

The Nobel laureate, who has taken the title of 'chief adviser' to the administration, says he wants to hold elections within a few months; leaders of Sheikh Hasina's party, the Awami League, have gone into hiding after revenge attacks saw some of their offices torched

Agence France-Presse
DHAKA

Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus and his newly named interim government set out on Friday to restore "law and order" after a student-led uprising and deadly mass protests forced predecessor Sheikh Hasina into exile.

A day after returning home from Europe and vowing to "uphold, support and protect the constitution" as he was sworn into office, 84-year-old Yunus began the tough challenge of returning the country to democracy.

"The number one challenge is the law and order," Touhid Hossain, who has taken over the Foreign Ministry portfolio, told reporters. "If it is ensured, the rest will be fine."

Tough challenge: Chief adviser to Bangladesh's new interim government, Muhammad Yunus, greets the public in Dhaka on Friday. AFP

Ms. Hasina, 76, accused of widespread human rights abuses including the jailing of her political opponents, left by helicopter to neighbouring India on Monday as protesters flooded Dhaka's streets in a dramatic end to her 15-year rule.

The military announced her resignation and then agreed to student demands that Mr. Yunus – who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006 for his pioneering microfinancing work – lead an interim government.

Mr. Yunus, who has taken the title of "chief adviser" to the caretaker administration, comprised of fellow civilians bar one retired brigadier-general, has said he wants to hold elections "within a few months".

When polls might take place is not clear.

Officials of Ms. Hasina's former ruling party, the Awami League, have gone into hiding after revenge attacks saw some of their offices torched, while former Opposition groups such as the key Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) are rebuilding after years of crushing repression.

Several of Mr. Yunus' advisers are loosely affiliated with the BNP, led by Hasina's long-time rival and former premier Khaleda Zia, 78, newly released after years of house arrest.

Mr. Yunus wrote in *The Economist* this week that his country needed a new generation of leaders "who are not obsessed with settling scores, as too many of our previous governments were".

Mr. Yunus has called for the restoration of order in the South Asian nation after weeks of violence that left at least 455 people dead, calling on citizens to guard each other, including minorities who came under attack.

UN country chief Gwyn Lewis on Friday praised Mr. Yunus' "calls for calm and peace", adding she would "work with all parties to forge reconciliation".

Ms. Hasina's flight abroad has heightened rancour towards India, which played a decisive military role in securing Bangladesh's independence, but also backed Ms. Hasina to the hilt.

Her son Sajeeb Wazed Joy told a newspaper that his mother still had hope of contesting political office.

Plane with 62 aboard crashes in Sao Paulo

Agence France-Presse
SAO PAULO

An airplane with 62 people on board crashed on Friday in Brazil's Sao Paulo state, firefighters and the airline Voepass said.

Although no official death toll has been given, President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said during an official event that it appeared there were no survivors.

"A plane just crashed in the city of Vinhedo in Sao Paulo, with 58 passengers and four crew members and it seems that everyone died," Mr. Lula said in the middle of a speech in Itajai in Santa Catarina state.

The aircraft was travelling from Cascavel in southern Parana state to Sao Paulo's Guarulhos international airport.

Images broadcast on local media showed a large plane nosediving at high speed to a residential area

In a statement Voepass reported "an accident involving flight 2283".

"There is still no confirmation of how the accident occurred or the current situation of the people on board," it said.

Images broadcast on local media showed a large plane nosediving at high speed, while others showed a large column of smoke rising from the crash site in what appeared to be a residential area.

The Fire Department of Sao Paulo wrote on social network X: "Aircraft crash, 7 teams involved, so far only this information."

Free ride

A child sits on a dolly of jean fabric bought at the Gamarra textile market, while transporting the load to a factory in Lima on Thursday. Peru's textile industry employs nearly 2,50,000 people, and textiles and garment manufacturers account for more than 30% of the non-traditional exports. AP

Banned Thai Opposition movement regroups

Associated Press
BANGKOK

Just two days after being disbanded by court order, Thailand's main progressive political party regrouped on Friday under a new name and vowed to continue its fight for reforms despite continuing opposition from the conservative establishment that blocked the party from taking power despite finishing first in last year's election.

Leaders of the dissolved Move Forward Party announced they were forming a new party to be called the People's Party.

ODISHA JOINT ENTRANCE EXAMINATION (OJEE)-2024

No: OJEE/377 Dt. : 08/08/2024

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF REGISTRATION

Interested NEET-UG 2024 qualified candidates wish to participate in Odisha state medical counselling have to register in prior for data pre-processing. Only State Natives are eligible for all the state quota MBBS and BDS seats in Odisha. However, other state candidates may be eligible for NRI quota seats only. Therefore, candidates must ensure their eligibility before registering.

Activity	Date
Registration and Online Application Uploading of Documents for Online Verification	10-08-2024 12:00 NOON to 14-08-2024 11:59 PM
All eligible PC Candidates are required to attend the Medical Board at **LT – II, SCB Medical College, Cuttack**	13-08-2024 and 14-08-2024
All eligible ES candidates are required to attend the ES board at **Rajya Sainik Board, Odisha at IRC Village, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar**	13-08-2024, 14-08-2024 and 16-08-2024
Publication of provisional State Merit List of registered candidates	18-08-2024 5:00 PM
Any Query raised by candidates on the merit list	19-08-2024 by 5:00 PM
Publication of final State Merit List of registered candidates	20-08-2024

For other details regarding registration process visit https://ojee.nic.in Detail Schedule of the Counselling Process for Admission to MBBS/BDS Courses will be Notified in Due Course of Time.

Mail id of OJEE2024: **odishaojee@gmail.com**
Website: www.ojee.nic.in, www.odishajee.com

All the candidates are informed to follow the dates of PC board and Ex-Serviceman board strictly. Candidates missing the dates to appear before the applicable PC/ES Boards will be deprived of getting PC or ES reservations.

Sd/-
Chairman, OJEE

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, P. H. DIVISION, CUTTACK

e-procurement Notice for Bid Identification
No. SEPH-DIVISION, CTC- 10 of 2024-25

1.	Name of the work	: 1 No PH Work
2.	Estimated Cost	: Rs.726.15 Lakh
3.	Period of completion	: 2 months
4.	Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal	: 16.08.2024 from 11.00 AM to 30.08.2024 upto 5.00 PM
5.	Last date & time of seeking clarification	: 22.08.2024 upto 5.00 P.M.
6.	Last date / time of receipt of bids in the portal	: 30.08.2024 upto 5.00 PM
7.	Date & Time of opening of bids	: 31.08.2024 at 11.00 AM
8.	Name and Address of the Officer Inviting Bid	: The Superintending Engineer, P.H.Division, Cuttack-753004, Odisha. Ph.(0671) 2441063, email:-eephctcii@gmail.com; sephdctc521@gmail.com

Further details can be seen from e-procurement portal : https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in

Additional Chief Engineer,
I/C Superintending Engineer, P.H.Division, Cuttack.

C-405: OIPR-13225/11/0011/2425

Gazans flee Khan Yunis amid new Israel attack

Agence France-Presse
KHAN YUNIS

Crowds fleeing Khan Yunis after an Israeli evacuation order gave way to empty streets on Friday as Palestinian residents tried to escape a new Israeli military operation in Gaza's main southern area.

"They threw leaflets at us, ordering us to evacuate", Reem Abu Hayya said, referring to the flyers that Israeli forces drop from planes to order the evacuation of areas ahead of a military operation.

The Khan Yunis area had already seen evacuation orders in late July, and heavy fighting that devastated the area earlier this year.

The flyers dropped Thursday ordered residents to leave eastern towns of Khan Yunis governorate including Al-Salqa, Al-Qarara, Bani Suheila, and neighbourhoods in the city of Khan Yunis.

"Hamas and terrorist organisations continue to launch rockets from your areas", read the flyers which echoed past orders and warned that the Israeli Army "will act forcefully against these elements".

Late last month Philippe Lazzarini, who heads the UNRWA, said on social media site X that only "14% of areas in Gaza" were not subject to evacuation orders.

On Friday, the military said it launched a new operation in Khan Yunis following "intelligence indicating the presence of terrorists" there.

Philippine appeals court blocks govt.'s effort to shut news outlet

Associated Press
MANILA

A Philippine appeals court reversed a regulator's 2018 order to shut down a prominent news outlet in a decision made public on Friday, marking a legal victory for journalists who angered former President Rodrigo Duterte by reporting critically on his deadly crackdown on illegal drugs and alarming human rights record.

The Court of Appeals ordered the Securities and Exchange Commission to restore the certificates of incorporation of *Rappler*, an online news outfit founded by 2021 Nobel peace prize co-winner Maria Ressa, in a decision issued on July 23.

Maria Ressa

It wasn't immediately clear if SEC will appeal the ruling.

"It is a vindication," *Rappler* said in a statement. "It is a fact that the Duterte government used the SEC order to unleash its power to further harass us, our employees and our communities."

Rappler said it's still facing two other legal cases: a cyber-libel conviction that Ms. Ressa is appealing to the Supreme Court and a case pending in another Philippine court in which the outlet is accused of violating the "Anti-Dummy Law," which prohibits Philippines nationals from acting as proxies for non-citizens to evade legal requirements.

Rappler has continued to operate during its legal fight, despite the closure order.

The court ruled that the 2018 shutdown order, one of several legal issues that Ms. Ressa and *Rappler* faced under Mr. Duterte, was made "with grave abuse of discretion, contravening established procedures, jurisprudential and legal instructions, and clear intent of the constitution."

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
COMMERCE & TRANSPORT (TRANSPORT) DEPARTMENT

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

HIRING OF TWIN ENGINE TURBO PROP AIRCRAFT ON WET LEASE BASIS FOR OFFICIAL USE OF STATE GOVERNMENT

Government of Odisha, Commerce & Transport (Transport) Department desires to hire a twin engine turbo prop aircraft (2 pilots + 6 passengers) for a period of **3 year** i.e. from **01.10.2024 to 30.09.2027** complying to all safety norms as prescribed by the DGCA from time to time for flying of VIPs like Governor, Chief Minister, Ministers and other dignitaries. The hired aircraft will be stationed at Bhubaneswar.

Eligible and interested aircraft operators may download the Request for Quotation (RFQ) document which contains the details of the requirement from the following website of Government of Odisha and submit their offer,

https://tendersodisha.gov.in/nicgep/app & https://ct.odisha.gov.in/tenders

Proposals complete in all respect should reach the undersigned latest by **05:00 PM on 03.09.2024**. Bids received after the above deadline shall be summarily rejected. The authority reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd-
Additional Secretary to Govt. & Director of Aviation,
Commerce & Transport (Transport) Department
Government of Odisha

J-04: OIPR-38001/11/0003/2425

MOTHERLY LOVE

Neeraj's mother Saroj calls Arshad her son, praises his hard work

PTI

Neeraj Chopra's mother Saroj Devi struck an emotional chord and touched billions of hearts with remarks about Arshad Nadeem, who beat her son to win the Olympic javelin gold. "Nadeem is also good, he plays well...we are very happy with the silver, the one who got gold is also our child...all are athletes, all work hard."

LOVING SUPPORT

Arshad's mother says she prayed for her 'son' Neeraj also

AFP

Raziah Parveen, Arshad's mother, said she was praying for Neeraj also. *"Wo (Neeraj) mere bete ka dost bhi hai aur bhai bhi. Main donu ke liye duaien kar rahi thi".* (He is both a friend and a brother to my son. I was praying for both of them)" Raziah told the web-based Independent Urdu after her son's feat.

DESERVING HONOUR

Sreejesh and Manu to carry the flag at the Closing Ceremony

REUTERS

The Indian Olympic Association has nominated P.R. Sreejesh as the joint flag-bearer with ace shooter Manu Bhaker for the Paris Games Closing Ceremony. IOA president P.T. Usha said Sreejesh was both an emotional and popular choice within the IOA leadership, including the Chef de Mission Gagan Narang, and the entire Indian contingent.

RUN CONTINUES

Chen's 3m springboard gold gives China seventh diving medal

GETTY IMAGES

China's Chen Yiwen won gold in the women's 3-metre springboard on Friday extending China's winning streak in the 2024 Games diving events to seven. Australia's Maddison Keeney took silver and Chen's teammate Chang Yani took bronze. Chen who finished with 376 points was the only diver who scored over 70 points in each round.

Aman keeps India and Chhatrasal's flag flying high

The Indian shakes off the humbling loss in the semifinals, goes through the rigmarole of making the weight before dominating Cruz for the 57kg bronze

Insatiable hunger: Smarting from his loss in the last-four bout, Aman — relentless like a pitbull — racked up takedown after takedown against Cruz. RITU RAJ KONWAR

PARIS 2024

Jonathan Selvaraj
PARIS

Aman Sehrawat didn't brood. On Thursday evening, up against former Olympic silver medallist Rei Higuchi in the semifinals he barely lasted a round. In no time he trailed 10-0 and the bout was stopped – the Japanese declared winner by technical superiority.

There was no time for self pity. The 21-year-old rushed out and began his weight control regime. He had 1.5 kilos to lose before Friday morning's weigh in so that he could make weight for the bronze meal bout. Aman wasn't taking any chances.

He pulled on his black sweatsuit and headed to the mat in the training hall. He shadow practised for the next hour and a half. Then he hit the gym. When he stood on the scales three hours later, he saw what he was looking for. 56.80. He didn't drink nor eat, but importantly he went to bed relieved.

"It was hard but not anything more than what he can do. This is what we do," said coach Virender Singh.

Only after he passed his weigh in, did Aman drink something. By evening, he was ready to go.

That sucked for his opponent Darian Toi Cruz of Puerto Rico. A former collegiate champion in the USA, he is good. But the Indian had a hunger that would not be satiated by food.

Cruz puts up a challenge early on and even led 3-2 but Aman was relentless like a pitbull. He keeps handfighting, snapping Cruz's neck down and sapping his energy. As the fight wore on, the Indian's pace took its toll. A close fight at 6-5 became a blowout as Aman racked up takedown after takedown to win 13-5.

Aman thus joins an elite list of men's Olympic wrestling medallists including two time Olympic medallist Sushil Kumar, 2012 bronze medallist Yogeshwar Dutt, Tokyo silver medallist Ravi Dahiya and bronze medallist Bajrang Punia.

All of them have emerged from an *akhara* that is to Indian wrestling what *La Massia* is to Spanish football.

No easy days

There are no easy days at Chhatrasal Akhara in New Delhi. It is an all male boot camp. The boys live cramped five or more to a room. In the winter you shiver. In the summer you sweat. The place smells constantly of sweat.

There's no place for weakness or softness here. If you think you are special, you will be quickly cut to size. There's always someone as hungry as you. Willing to do more than you. You do what you have to do or you go home.

But Chhatrasal isn't just an academy for Aman. It's also home. When he was 11 he was brought there by his uncle. Although he had wrestled in his village Birohar in Haryana, that wasn't the only purpose he was brought there. He had nowhere else to go.

Aman's past is indeed painful. When he was 10, his mother died by suicide. His grief striken father died the same way a year later. At Chhatrasal if not a wrestler he could at least get three meals a day and help out some of the more established wrestlers.

Since he arrived at Chhatrasal, Aman's life revolved around training and competition. "He has almost no distractions. He has singular minded focus on training," says Praveen Kumar, one of the coaches at Chhatrasal.

"Chhatrasal Stadium is my home. The wrestlers here are my family. If someone comes and asks me to go somewhere for Diwali, I don't agree. I make it clear I'm not leaving Chhatrasal. Now people also know that this is my mentality. I don't like roaming around or going around Delhi either," says Aman.

Aman slowly made a name for himself. He made his way through the Nationals winning gold in 2022. He even started making a mark at the international level – becoming India's first U-23 World Champion in 2022 and then winning an Asian Championship gold in 2023.

His exploits earned him the only real concession Chhatrasal provides it's best athletes – a prefabricated room which he only had to share with two others. On its wall Aman put up a handpainted poster of the Olympic rings. Below it – in English – he wrote 'If it was easy everyone would do it'.

But while he dreamt of the Olympics, he had to get through his biggest challenge yet. Fellow Chhattrasal trainee Ravi Dahiya had an Olympic silver medal. After two losses, Aman finally beat his senior rival at the selection trials.

He missed out on a quota at the Asian qualifers but started preparing right after for the World Olympic qualifers and won the quota.

Placed in a tough group in Paris, he once again did what he had to do both on the mat and outside. By the time he was done with the competition he had as a memento a raw cut on the bridge of his nose to go with the bronze medal around his neck. The cut will heal, while the medal he said will not satisfy him.

Life will not change that much. Aman said he'll go back to the same room he shares with two other athletes. He'll continue to train as he's always done. The only change is his dream. "I'm going to win a gold medal next time," he says.

Hockey and India's emotional connect

Y.B. Sarangi
PARIS

In the last half a century, the Indian hockey team had not secured two consecutive medals in the Olympics. So when it retained its bronze medal here on Thursday, it was time for celebrations and outpouring of emotions in the stands of the Yves du Manoir Stadium here.

For its rich history and the folklore stuff Indian hockey has provided for 96 years in the Summer Games, it is not surprising when the countrymen react emotionally to an Olympic high. In 2008, when Indian hockey plunged to its lowest by not qualifying for the Beijing Games, the then Union Sports Minister M.S. Gill had said that hockey is "India's spiritual game."

As the national side overcame several odds – starting from its disappointing outing in the home World Cup in January last year to being groomed by a new coach with about a year left for the Olympics, to finally finish third – it was a moment of joy for everyone and a reason for optimism.

"We may have won a bronze medal, but it is like a gold for us," said former Indian hockey team captain and Hockey India (HI) president Dilip Tirkey.

Goalkeeper P.R. Sreejesh, who retired from international hockey on a high after defending India to another bronze medal win, nicely puts the comparison between cricket and hockey into perspective.

"Cricket is a beautiful game. But the media showcases cricket a lot and the others are not getting the opportunity to watch hockey, that is one of the reasons. The big difference is, I think, financial. When it comes to hockey, we've got the emotions. The entire country attaches to the emotion through hockey.

"Our Prime Minister (Narendra Modi) said this to us, 'Whatever happens, whoever wins a medal, but when Indian hockey teams win a medal, that's special,' and we feel it. We care (for) what the people show us. That's really important for us. They never give up on us. They always support."

Now, HI wants to cash in on the success to prepare players and coaches, by exposing them to top brand of hockey through the Hockey India League (HIL), for big events in future. "Our preparations for Los Angeles 2028 begin now," said Tirkey.

Back it to the hilt: Goalkeeper Sreejesh put the Indian fan support as a big plus for the team. REUTERS

INBRIEF

McLaughlin-Levrone breaks WR on way to 400mH title

Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone once again broke her own world record, powering over the 400m hurdles in 50.37 seconds on Thursday night to defend her Olympic title. The 25-year-old American has now lowered the world record six times. She breezed down the home stretch to beat teammate Anna Cockrell by 1.50 seconds. Femke Bol finished third.

Ma makes Chinese history with sixth Olympic gold

China successfully defended its Olympic men's team title after beating Sweden in three nail-biting matches on Friday as Ma Long cemented his status as one of his country's greatest athletes. Ma, already the most successful Olympic table tennis player, became the most decorated Olympian in China's history with six gold medals.

INDIANS IN ACTION

A look at the Indians who will compete on Saturday (all times IST):

Golf: Women's Individual Stroke Play: Round 4 (Aditi, Diksha), 12.30 p.m.

Wrestling (session begins at 2.30 p.m.): Women's freestyle 76kg (1/8 final): Reetika vs Nagy (Hun).

GOLDIES

Grant Holloway (USA): *Men's 110m Hurdles*
Hasanboy Dusmatov (Ukr): *Boxing Men's 51kg*
Chang Yuan (Chn): *Boxing Women's 54kg*
Rizki Juniansyah (Ina): *Weightlifting Men's 73kg*
Ulugbek Rashitov (Uzb): *Takewondo Men -68kg*
Kim Yu-jin (Kor): *Taekwondo Women's -57kg*
Akari Fujinami (Jpn): *Wrestling Women's Freestyle 53kg*
Xu Shixiao & Sun Mengya (Chn): *Women's Canoe Double 500m*
Lisa Carrington & Alicia Hoskin (NZl): *Women's Kayak Double 500m*
Jacob Schopf & Max Lemke (Ger): *Men's Kayak Double 500m*
Martin Fuksa (Cze): *Men's Canoe Single 1000m*
Valentin Bontus (Aut): *Sailing Men's Kite*
Toby Roberts (GBr): *Sport Climbing Men's Boulder & Lead*
Kristof Rasovszky (Hun): *Marathon Swimming Men's 10km*
Chen Yiwen (Chn): *Diving Women's 3m Springboard*
China: *Table Tennis Men's Team*
Karlos Nasar (Bul): *Weightlifting Men's 89kg*
Darja Varfolomeev (Ger): *Rhythmic Gymnastics Individual All-Around*
Chiara Consonni & Vittoria Guazzini (Ita): *Cycling Track Women's Madison*
Harrie Lavreysen (Ned): *Cycling Track Men's Sprint*
USA (Melissa Jefferson, Twanisha Terry, Gabby Thomas, Sha'Carri Richardson): *Women's 4x100m relay*
Canada (Aaron Brown, Jerome Blake, Brendon Rodney, Andre de Grasse): *Men's 4x100m relay*
Marileidy Paulino (Dom): *Women's 400m*
Higuchi Rei (Jpn): *Wrestling Men's 57kg Freestyle*
Spain: *Football Men*

GOING FOR GOLD

Athletics: Men's Marathon, Men's High Jump, Men's 800m, Women's Javelin, Women's 100m Hurdles, Men's 5,000m, Women's 1,500m, Men's 4x400m Relay, Women's 4x400m Relay
Artistic Swimming: Duet Free Routine
Basketball: Men
Beach Volleyball: Men
Boxing: Women's 57kg, Men's 57kg, Women's 75kg, Men's +92kg,
Breaking: B-Boys Finals
Canoe Sprint: Women's Kayak Single 500m, Men's Kayak Single 1000m, Women's Canoe Single 200m
Cycling Track: Men's Madison
Diving: Men's 10m Platform
Football: Women
Golf: Women's Individual Stroke Play
Handball: Women
Modern Pentathlon: Men
Rhythmic Gymnastics: Group All-Around Final
Sport Climbing: Women's Boulder & Lead, Final Lead
Table Tennis: Women's Team
Taekwondo: Men +80kg, Women's +67kg
Volleyball: Men
Water Polo: Women
Weightlifting: Men's 102kg, Women's 81kg, Men's +102kg,
Wrestling: Men's Freestyle 74kg, Men's Freestyle 125kg, Women's Freestyle 62kg

Vinesh vs United World Wrestling: what the CAS appeal is all about

The Indian wrestler has challenged disqualification from the women's 50kg category in the Paris Olympics after missing weight by a little over 100g

PARIS 2024

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The medals for the women's 50kg freestyle category have been given out in the 2024 Paris Olympics, but the event has not been put to rest. A certain Vinesh Phogat, who was disqualified from the gold medal bout due to missing the required weight by 100g, has moved the Court of Arbitration for Sport's (CAS) ad-hoc panel sitting in Paris to consider awarding her a joint-silver for making the final.

Last resort: After a dominant run, Vinesh's dreams were shattered by a shock elimination. PTI

What exactly happened?
Wrestling at the Olympics happens over two days with the preliminary bouts happening on day one and the repechage and medal bouts happening on day two. Participants are to make the weight of the category on both days. While international wrestling permits a tolerance of two kilograms, the Olympics follow a strict weight restriction. So, for the 50kg category, a wrestler has to register a weight of 50kg or under.

For any wrestlers competing on the second day, the weigh-in will last 15 minutes. This is a non-negotiable window during which the wrestler must make the required weight or risk disqualification.

"Vinesh's normal weight is 57kg, and she did everything to get down to 50kg," a member of Vinesh's team said. "She was 49.9kg (on Tuesday morning), but the moment she had even a small meal, her weight bounced back to at least 53kg. She had to reach this weight to have the strength to fight in three bouts."

"After the semifinals, her weight was 52.7kg. She didn't sleep even a minute, didn't drink a sip of water, and didn't have a morsel of food. She spent the entire night running and using the sauna. She made it to 50.1kg but didn't have time to cut the last 100 grams. There was no leeway and no extra time to make weight."

What does the rule say?
According to Article 11 of the United World Wrestling's rule book, an athlete who fails to make the weight cut will be eliminated from the event. "If an athlete does not attend or fails the weigh-in (the 1st or the 2nd weigh-in), he will be eliminated from the competition and ranked last." This means, all results amassed thus far will be voided.

Has this ever happened before?
Weigh-in misses are more common on day one of wrestling, particularly in this two-day system that's been in place since 2018. This is the first-known case ahead of the consequential bouts at the Olympics.

What grounds is Vinesh appealing on?
In the document submited to CAS, Vinesh's team is appealing on grounds of prioritising Vinesh's health and argues that her weight gain was not done to acquire an advantage in the medal bout.

"The imperative of preserving athletes' health, which is an integral part of the *lex sportiva*, must take precedence over all other considerations," the appeal read.

"The excess of 100g is extremely negligible (representing around 0.1 to 0.2% of the athlete's weight) and can easily be caused by the bloating of a human body during summer weather, as the heat makes the human body retain more water, scientifically for survival purposes. It can also be due to muscle mass increase as the athlete competed three times on the same day. It can also be caused by the food consumption of the athlete after the competitions to sustain her health and integrity for the demanding competitions. The conditions under which she "regained" weight after her first fights clearly show that this was not a case of excess weight providing any advantage whatsoever, but merely the implementation of a classic and essential recovery process.

Finally, it should be remembered that the CAS must uphold the fundamental rights of athletes, including the right to respect for their physical integrity."

Vinesh's team is pleading to consider the hard work that's gone into qualifying for the gold medal bout, which included a scintillating takedown of top seed Yui Susaki of Japan.

Who is fighting Vinesh's case?
Vinesh's legal team will has French lawyers Joelle Monlouis, Estelle Ivanova, Habbine Estelle Kim and Charles Amson who helped her and IOA during the filing of the application. They have been provided to her from the Paris Bar and are handling the case pro bono. In addition, senior counsels Harish Salve and Vidushpat Singhania have also been roped in by the IOA to oversee the case.

Salve served as the Solicitor General of India from 1999 to 2003. He also represented India before the International Court of Justice in the Kulbhushan Jadhav case.

Who is the arbitrator and when will they issue the verdict?
Dr. Annabelle Bennett AC SC (AUS) is presiding as the Sole Arbitrator. Her decision is expected to be issued before the end of the Olympic Games.

What will the larger impact of the case be?
If CAS rules in Vinesh's favour, it will set a precedent for weight concessions on the second day - where the consequential bouts will be fought. UWW chief Nenad Lalovic underlined the need for wrestlers to fight in categories closer to their natural weight and relief for Vinesh might not help that cause.

"Wrestlers make the best performances when they compete in their natural weight. Unfortunately, it's a second case here. We had an Italian wrestler the previous day who didn't make the weight and she didn't compete," Lalovic said.

UWW might have to consider the weight tolerance in the Olympics but can appeal the decision should the verdict go against it. If CAS denies Vinesh's appeal, she will return empty-handed.

South Asia's meteoric rise in javelin

Jonathan Selvaraj
PARIS

At the Stade de France on Thursday, in his sixth encounter with the reigning Olympic and world champion Neeraj Chopra, Arshad Nadeem finally got the better of the man he'd always considered a role model and it took an all-time great Olympic performance to do it.

He bettered an Olympic record that had stood for 16 years, not once but twice. The first time, an effort of 92.97m in his second throw of the competition broke it. The second of 91.79m in his final throw put the exclamation mark on a near-flawless performance.

It says something about the kind of confidence that Neeraj instills in fans that a silver medal – the best for the country in Paris so far – seems like an underachievement.

It is anything but. An Olympic silver in Paris, to go along with his gold from Tokyo three years ago, cements Neeraj's claim as the greatest Indian athlete of this generation, if not all-time. It took Neeraj pushing himself to his absolute limit before he was even able to keep a place on the podium.

This was an incredible standard of competition. Julius Yego took fifth place here with a throw of 87.72 m; it would have won gold in Tokyo. "It's the greatest competition in men's javelin throw in history," Neeraj said.

Neeraj's effort of 89.45m was the furthest anyone has ever had to throw for a silver medal. At most Olympic Games, this would have been more than enough. But not in a competition where Pakistan's Arshad was at his best. The two have been competing against each other since 2016 at the South Asian Games in Guwahati. In all these years, Neeraj never lost. "Until now, God was with me. But now, at the biggest stage, he has managed to beat me. He has worked hard. He deserves this win," Neeraj said gamely.

He was only returning the favour. Last year, after he took silver at the World Championships, just behind Neeraj, Arshad said how happy he was for the Indian's gold medal. He added that the same 1-2 finish was what he wanted to see at the Olympics too.

Neeraj and Arshad did just that once again. But the order of medals was reversed. There could be no disappointment about it. Neeraj's throw to win a silver was as impressive as it came. Arshad, though, was magnificent.

Arshad and Neeraj's throws from Tokyo to Paris

Despite battling injuries throughout the Olympic cycle, both the stars registered impressive distances along the way.

Distance	Event	Position
85.16	Tokyo 2020 (Q)	-
84.62	Tokyo 2020 final	5th
81.71	World Athletics Championships 2022, Eugene	4th
86.16	World Athletics Championships 2022, Eugene	5th
90.18	Commonwealth Games 2022, Birmingham	1st
88.55	Islamic Solidarity Games 2022, Konya	1st
81.21	Pakistani Championships, Lahore	1st
86.79	World Athletics Championships 2023, Budapest	(Q)
87.82	World Athletics Championships 2023, Budapest	2nd
84.21	Paris Diamond League 2024, Paris	4th
86.59	Paris 2024 Olympics (Q)	-
92.97	**Paris 2024 Olympics, Final**	**1st**

Distance	Event	Position
87.58	2020 Tokyo Olympics	1st
89.30	2022 Paavo Nurmi Games, Turku	2nd
86.69	2022 Kuortane Games	1st
89.94	2022 Stockholm Diamond League	2nd
88.39	2022 World Championships, Eugene (Q)	-
88.13	2022 World Championships, Eugene	2nd
89.08	2022 Lausanne Diamond League	1st
88.44	2022 Diamond League Final, Zurich	1st
88.67	2023 Diamond League, Doha	1st
87.66	2023 Diamond League, Lausanne	1st
88.77	2023 World Championships, Budapest (Q)	-
88.17	2023 World Championships, Budapest	1st
85.71	2023 Diamond League, Zurich	2nd
83.80	2023 Diamond League Final, Eugene	2nd
88.36	2024 Diamond League, Doha	2nd
82.27	2024 Federation Cup, Bhubaneswar	1st
85.97	2024 Paavo Nurmi Games, Turku	1st
89.34	2024 Paris Olympic Games (Q)	-
89.45	**2024 Paris Olympics, Final**	**2nd**

The throws of the podium finishers

Gold	Arshad Nadeem	X	92.97 (OR)*	88.72	79.40	84.87	91.79
Silver	Neeraj Chopra	X	89.45	X	X	X	X
Bronze	Anderson Peters	84.70	87.87	X	88.54	87.38	81.83

OR: Olympic record*

Joy unbound: Camello, who scored twice in extra time, celebrates after netting Spain's fifth goal. AFP

Spain edges France in an eight-goal thriller

Reuters
PARIS

Spain secured the gold medal in the Olympic men's football tournament after Sergio Camello scored twice in extra time to earn a dramatic 5-3 win over host France in a nail-biting final at Parc des Princes on Friday.

The teams were locked at 3-3 at the end of normal time but Camello scored 10 minutes into the extra period and scored another at the end to earn Spain its first Olympic title since 1992.

France had mounted an incredible comeback after going 3-1 down to send the game to extra time as Maghnes Akliouche pulled a goal back in the 79th before a VAR review awarded the hosts a penalty that Jean-Philippe Mateta converted in stoppage time.

Spain rallied in the first half, after Enzo Millot opened the account for France, by scoring thrice through a Fermin Lopez double and superb free-kick from Alex Baena.

Medals table

	Country	G	S	B	T
1	China	32	25	21	78
2	USA	31	39	38	108
3	Australia	18	16	14	48
4	France	14	20	22	56
4	Great Britain	14	20	22	56
6	Japan	14	8	13	35
7	Korea	13	8	7	28
8	Germany	12	9	8	29
9	Netherlands	12	6	9	27
10	Italy	11	11	12	34
66	**India**	**0**	**1**	**5**	**6**

THE INDIA SHOW

A look at the Indian performances on Friday:

Athletics: 4x400m relay (round 1): Men (fourth in heat 2, 10th overall), DNQ for final; Women (eighth in heat 2, 15th overall), DNQ for final.

Golf: Women's Individual Stroke Play (round 3): Aditi (T40), Diksha (T42).

Wrestling: Men's freestyle 57kg (bronze medal match): Aman bt Cruz (Pur) 13-5.

Paris has become more accessible for the disabled during the Games

Lame, a wheelchair user who is a volunteer helping visitors find their way, wonders whether station assistants would be there after the Paralympics; she adds that an online system that lets her book assistance at train stations has been helpful

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Associated Press
PARIS

Being inclusive: Lame, a volunteer for the Games, navigates a ramp to board a train with the help of assistants. AP

Since the start of the Olympics, Ndieme Lame has been commuting every day to the Stade de France where she works as a volunteer helping visitors find their way. The 57-year-old wheelchair user is in awe at how easy it's been to cross the city on public transit to reach the Olympic stadium.

"I never would have believed I could make it here almost on my own," she said after her 1-1/2-hour commute from her home in southern Paris.

Her daily journey highlights the city's efforts to improve accessibility for people with disabilities ahead of the Olympics and Paralympics. Lame said an online system that lets her book assistance at commuter train stations has been particularly helpful.

Challenges remain, however, particularly in the underground Metro system where most stations are not fully accessible to people in wheelchairs. And Lame wonders whether the train station assistants will still be there after the Paralympics, which start just over two weeks after the Olympics end.

"Right now, people are taking care of us, but after September, it will be back to the everyday struggle," she said.

On Wednesday, journalists accompanied Lame on her commute from her home in Porte de Versailles, in southwestern Paris, to the Stade de France in Saint Denis, in the northern suburbs of the French capital.

Smooth process

Wearing the teal-coloured attire of the Paris 2024 volunteers, Lame, who was diagnosed with polio when she was 11 months old, glided out the automatic door and took the elevator down to the street. From there, a short ride on the side-walk in her motorized wheelchair took her to the nearest tram station, which she accessed on a smooth concrete ramp.

"So far so good," she said as she joined the commuters on the crowded T3 line, which runs alongside the Peripherique, the highway ring separating Paris from its outskirts. Other passengers made room for her wheelchair in the centre of the tram car.

At Cite-Universitaire train station, Lame transferred to an RER commuter train. A station assistant helped her access an elevator that brought her to the platform. Another placed a ramp on the platform that allowed her to enter the train.

The process, while straightforward, is not always reliable, Lame said.

"Sometimes the websites say that the elevator is running and it turns out that it is not," she said. This regularly forces her to make detours, resulting in significant delays.

On Wednesday, 53 out of the 162 lifts in all train and Metro stations in the Paris region were under maintenance, according to IDF Mobilite, the regional body overseeing public transit.

After exiting the train at the Plaine Saint-Denis station, Lame made her way to the Stade de France in her wheelchair.

Andrew Parsons, president of the International Paralympic Committee, praised the city's efforts to make overground transport more accessible, but noted the frustration that many feel regarding other parts of the public transit system, particularly the century-old Metro system in which 93% of stations remain inaccessible or only partially accessible to people in wheelchairs.

"When the Metro system was built in Paris more than a century ago, people with disabilities were absolutely marginalised and considered second-class citizens," Parsons said. "I understand the degree of frustration, but I'd like to see the glass half full and think about where we were, where we are and where we are going to be."

When the Paralympics begin on Aug. 28, the spotlight on Paris will not only be on the athletes but also on the city itself–its triumphs in accessibility, and the gaps that still need bridging.

LIVE TELECAST

Paris 2024: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & JioCinema, 11 a.m. onwards

Football: Durand Cup, Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 3.30 & 6.30 p.m.

West Indies vs South Africa: 1st Test, day 4, FanCode, 7.30 p.m.

Bopanna and Ebden bow out early

Sports Bureau

Rohan Bopanna in partnership with Matthew Ebden of Australia was beaten 4-6, 6-3, [10-7] by Hugo Nys and Jan Zielinski in the doubles second round of the $8,122,428 ATP tennis tournament in Montreal.

In the €74,825 Challenger in Bonn, Germany, Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan and Vijay Sundar Prashanth beat second seeds Jakob Schnaitter and Mark Wallner 7-5, 7-6(6) to reach the doubles final.

Other results: €74,825 Challenger, Bonn: **Quarterfinals:** Nedunchezhiyan & Vijay Sundar bt Ivan Sabanov & Matej Sabanov (Srb) 6-4, 6-4. **$82,000 Challenger, Lincoln:** **Quarterfinals:** Anirudh Chandrasekar & Niki Poonacha bt Alex Lawson & Ethan Quinn (USA) 6-2, 6-7(4), [10-7]; Ariel Behar (Uru) & Luke Johnson (GBr) bt Rithvik Bollipalli & Hans Verdugo (Mex) 7-6(8), 6-2. **€74,825 Challenger, Cordenons: Semifinals:** Marco Bortolotti (Ita) & Matthew Romios (Aus) bt Arjun Kadhe & Ramkumar Ramanathan 7-6(2), 6-4. **$25,000 ITF men, Brazzaville: Quarterfinals:** Bor Artnak (Slo) bt Adil Kalyanpur 7-6(6), 6-0; Mathys Erhard (Fra) bt S.D. Prajwal Dev 6-3, 2-0 (retired); Goncalo Oliveira (Por) bt Yuvan Nandal 5-0 (retired); Dev Javia bt Karan Singh 6-3, 6-2. **Doubles: Semifinals:** S.D. Prajwal Dev & Adil Kalyanpur bt Bor Artnak (Slo) & Mathys Erhard (Fra) 6-3, 7-5. **$25,000 ITF men, Taipei, Taiwan: Quarterfinals:** S. Mukund bt Kokoro Isomura (Jpn) 6-1, 3-6, 6-3. **Doubles: Semifinals:** Sai Karteek Reddy & Wishaya Trongcharoenchaikul (Tha) bt Francis Casey Alcantara (Phi) & Ray Ho (Tpe) 7-6(8), 6-3. **$15,000 ITF men, Monastir: Semifinals:** Mohammad Alkotop & Mousa Alkotop (Jor) bt Chirag Duhan & Shinji Hazawa (Jpn) 7-6(8), 6-3.

Jamari wins feature

BENGALURU: P. Shroff-trained Jamari (G. Vivek up) won the Maharaja's Gold Cup, the chief event of the races held here on Friday (Aug 9). The winner is owned by Five Stars Shipping Co Pvt Ltd rep by Mr. K.N. Dhunjibhoy, Mr. Z.K. Dhunjibhoy, Ms. Anosha Meyers rep. Mr. Rama Seshu Eyunni, Mr. Mukul A. Sonawala, M/s. DT Racing & Breeding LLP rep by Mr. D.R. Thacker & Miss. Anita J. Captain.

THE RESULTS:

1. COMMANCHE PLATE: MEGHANN (Sai Kiran) 1, Infinite Spirit (Faizan Khan) 2, Mega Success (Jagadeesh) 3 and Perfect Halo (R. Girish) 4. 3/4, 1-1/2 and Nk. 1m, 15.1s. ₹388 (w), 32, 19 and 13 (p), SHP: 64, THP: 32, FP: 6,476, Q: 1,274, Trinella: 7,396, Exacta: 76,096 (carried over). Favourite: Loving Pearl. Owner and trainer: Mr. Warren Singh.

2. LAGARDE PLATE: POSITANO (Akshay K) 1, The Leader (Suraj) 2, Wonderland (Salman Khan) 3 and Mescalito (Darshan) 4. 3-1/2, 3-3/4 and 4. 1m, 38.74s. ₹20 (w), 12, 12 and 19 (P), SHP: 32, THP: 44, FP: 66, Q: 29, Trinella: 406, Exacta: 1,982. Favourite: Positano. Owner: M/s. DT Racing & Breeding LLP. Trainer: S. Attaollahi.

3. SOUTHERN EMPIRE PLATE (DIV. II): THE GALLERY TIME (R. Pradeep) 1, Cat Whiskers (Sandesh) 2, Isabelle (Salman Khan) 3 and Smile Of Beauty (Akshay K) 4. Not run: Ebotse. 1-1/4, 3/4 and 1-1/4. 1m, 14.11s. ₹37 (w), 11, 11 and 16 (p), SHP: 27, THP: 37, FP: 166, Q: 75, Trinella: 516, Exacta: 561. Favourite: Smile Of Beauty. Owner: Mr. C.V. Prasad Rao. Trainer: Warren Singh.

4. MADRAS SAPPERS TROPHY: LG'S STAR (Koshi K) 1, Imperial Star (M. Prabhakaran) 2, Striking Fortune (Vivek) 3 and Defence Counsel (Tousif) 4. Not run: Elegant Time and Disciple. 8-1/4, Nk and Lnk. 1m, 14.70s. ₹66 (w), 14, 14 and 30 (p), SHP: 45, THP: 72, FP: 527, Q: 139, Trinella: 16,044, Exacta: 38,828. Favourite: Charukala. Owners: Mr. H.K. Lakshman Gowda & Mr. Rakesh Kumar. Trainer: V. Lokanath.

5. MAHARAJA'S GOLD CUP: JAMARI (G. Vivek) 1, Touch Of Grey (Suraj) 2, Supernatural (J. Chinoy) 3 and Trevalius (Sandesh) 4. 2-1/4, 3-1/4 and 1-1/4. 2m, 06.22s. ₹15 (w), 15 and 14 (p), SHP: 23, THP: 19, FP: 28, Q: 15, Trinella: 39, Exacta: 81. Favourite: Jamari. Owners: Five Stars Shipping Co Pvt Ltd rep by Mr. K.N. Dhunjibhoy , Mr. Z.K. Dhunjibhoy, Ms. Anosha Meyers rep, Mr. Rama Seshu Eyunni, Mr. Mukul A. Sonawala, M/s. DT Racing & Breeding LLP rep by Mr. D.R. Thacker & Miss. Anita J. Captain. Trainer: P. Shroff.

6. A.M.C. GOWDA MEMORIAL TROPHY: RICARDO (Sandesh) 1, Never Give In (Antony) 2, Art Gallery (Akshay K) 3 and The Athabasca (Sai Kiran) 4. 3/4, 3-3/4 and Nk. 1m, 13.19s. ₹24 (w), 12, 11 and 14 (p), SHP: 33, THP: 42, FP: 54, Q: 32, Trinella: 132, Exacta: 191. Favourite: Never Give In. Owners: Mr. Haider Soomar, M/s. Arun Alagappan Racing LLP, Mr. Chandrakanth Kankaria & Mukteshwar Racing LLP. Trainer. Arjun Mangalorkar.

7. SOUTHERN EMPIRE PLATE (DIV. I): MAZAL TOV (Antony) 1, Brave Majesty (Sandesh) 2, Instructor (M. Naveen) 3 and Fast Response (Koshi K) 4. 7-1/4, 1-1/4 and 1-1/2. 1m, 13.40s. ₹22 (w), 11, 16 and 21 (p), SHP: 41, THP: 71, FP: 129, Q: 66, Trinella: 565, Exacta: 4,284. Favourite: Mazal Tov. Owners: Mr. Marthand Singh Mahindra, Mrs. Rina Mahindra, Mr. Sp. Thiruvukkarasu, Mr. G. Surendranath & Mrs. Deepa Devaney. Trainer: Neil Devaney.

Jackpot: ₹8,474 (28 tkts.); Runner-up: 1,474 (69 tkts.); Treble (i): 1,613 (five tkts.); (ii): 85 (114 tkts.).

Bavuma and de Zorzi power South Africa to a competitive total

CRICKET

Agence France-Presse
PORT OF SPAIN

Half-centuries by captain Temba Bavuma and opener Tony de Zorzi anchored a resolute batting effort by South Africa in extending its first innings to 344 for eight at the close of the second day of the rain-affected first Test of a two-match series against the West Indies on Thursday.

Starting the day at 45 for one after heavy showers allowed only 15 overs to be bowled on the first day, Bavuma's determined 86 and a more enterprising 78 from de Zorzi were linchpins in the Proteas' effort on a benign surface offering little for the bowlers.

Jomel Warrican was the most successful of the West Indies bowlers, the left-arm orthodox spinner claiming three for 66.

It included two off successive balls in the last half-hour to boost his team's chances of dismissing its opponents short of the 400-run mark.

"I tried to keep things as tight as possible today because this a very flat pitch and it was necessary to be very disciplined," said Warrican.

The scores:
South Africa 344/8 (de Zorzi 78, Bavuma 86) vs. West Indies.

Buchi Babu from Aug. 15 to Sept. 11

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

The Tamil Nadu Cricket Association will conduct the Take Sports-All India Buchi Babu tournament from August 15 to September 11 at Natham (Dindigul), Salem, Coimbatore and Tirunelveli.

Twelve teams, including the TNCA President's XI and TNCA XI, will participate in the tournament. The teams are drawn into four groups (A, B, C and D) of three, with the toppers qualifying for the semifinals. Tirunelveli will host the first semifinal, while Natham will host the other semifinal and the summit clash. The matches will be played in a four-day format, making it a valuable preparation for the Ranji Trophy. The winner will take home ₹3 lakh and the runner-up ₹2 lakh.

The schedule: August 15-18: MP vs Jharkhand (Tirunelveli); Railways vs Gujarat (Salem); Mumbai vs Haryana (Coimbatore); J&K vs Chhattisgarh (Natham). **August 21-24:** Jharkhand vs Hyderabad (Tirunelveli); Railways vs TNCA President's XI (Salem); Haryana vs TNCA XI (Coimbatore); J&K vs Baroda (Natham). **August 27-30:** MP vs Hyderabad (Tirunelveli); Gujarat vs TNCA President's XI (Salem); Mumbai vs TNCA XI (Coimbatore); Baroda vs Chhattisgarh (Natham). **September 2-5: Semifinal 1:** Group A topper vs Group B Topper (Tirunelveli); **Semifinal 2:** Group C Topper vs Group D Topper (Natham). **September 8-11: Final** (Natham).

India to play pink-ball tour match during Australia series

Press Trust of India
CANBERRA

The visiting Indian cricket team will play a two-day day-night tour match against Australia's Prime Minister's XI at the Manuka Oval in Canberra on November 30 and December 1, Cricket Australia said.

The pink-ball tour match will fall in between the first and second Tests of the five-match Border-Gavaskar series.

It will be the first time since the 1991-92 season that the two teams will meet over five Tests in a series.

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Breaking makes high-energy Olympic debut in Paris

The sport's appearance at the Games could be a fleeting one however, having already been dropped from the Los Angeles 2028 programme and no guarantees it will return in the future

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

The urban sport of breaking spun its way onto the Olympic stage on Friday for the first and possibly last time, amid the grand elegance of Place de la Concorde.

Breaking, better known as breakdancing, made its Games debut with the women's competition, featuring 17 dancers known as B-Girls going head-to-head in a series of battles to crown the inaugural champion.

The sport's appearance at the Olympics could be a fleeting one however, having already been dropped from the Los Angeles 2028 programme and no guarantees it will return in the future.

Organisers ensured it made the most of its time in the spotlight in Paris, pumping up the volume for an excited crowd that included rapper Snoop Dogg.

Time for battle: India Sardjoe of the Netherlands, known by her B-Girl name India, and Refugee Olympic Team's Talash kicked off the event. AFP

The first contest of the day was between India Sardjoe of the Netherlands, known by her B-Girl name India, and Refugee Olympic Team competitor Talash.

Talash, whose real name is Manizha Talash, left Taliban-controlled Afghanistan to live in Spain two years ago and danced wearing a blue cape with "Free Afghan Women" printed on it.

Breaking originated as part of hip hop culture in New York in the 1970s.

What began in the block parties of the Bronx has reached the fountains and classical facades of one of Paris' most opulent public spaces, overseen by the International Olympic Committee.

Each battle sees B-Girls take turns to lay down their dance moves over a set number of rounds, with a panel of judges determining the winner.

Velavan enters the final of National squash

Sports Bureau
MUMBAI

Top seed and defending champion Velavan Senthilkumar fought his way past Veer Chotrani 11-8, 4-11, 12-10, 12-10 in the men's semifinals of the 80th HCL National squash championship on Friday.

The results (semifinals): **Men:** Velavan Senthilkumar bt Veer Chotrani 11-8, 4-11, 12-10, 12-1; Abhay Singh bt Mahesh Mangaonkar 9-11, 11-5, 11-9, 11-7. **Women:** Anahat Singh bt Nirupama Dubey 11-1, 11-3, 11-3.

Akanksha Salunkhe bt Urwashi Joshi 11-5, 11-5, 14-12.

NorthEast United blanks BSF

DURAND CUP

Sports Bureau
KOLKATA

NorthEast United FC picked up its second successive win by blanking BSF FT 4-0 in Group E of the 133rd Durand Cup at the SAI Stadium, Kokrajhar, on Friday.

A brace from Spanish striker Guillermo Fernandez and a goal each from M.S. Jithin and Alaaeddine Ajaraie, who scored from a penalty, ensured North-East United collected three points to remain on top of the group league with six points.

NEUFC just needs a point against Odisha FC in its last group league outing to book a place in the quarterfinals.

In Kolkata, Inter Kashi FC got the better of Indian Navy 2-1 in Group B at the Kishore Bharati Stadium here for its first win of the tournament. All the three goals came in the second half as the Navy team took the lead in the 52nd minute through Novin Gurung.

Nikola Stojanovic and substitute Tomba Singh scored once in successive minutes to ensure the win for Inter Kashi. FC, which finished its campaign with four points.

Bengaluru FC has already reached the quarterfinals with an all-win record.

The results: At Kolkata: Group B: Inter Kashi FC 2 (Stojanovic 65, Tomba 66) bt Indian Air Force FT 1 (Novin 52).
At Kokrajhar: Group E: NorthEast United FC 4 (Guillermo 8, 48, Jithin 20, Ajaraie 90+7-pen) bt BSF FT 0.

KARNATAKA ROUND-UP

Ruthu scores the only goal of the match

BELAGAVI: Ruthu Sree Nandan's 52nd-minute strike proved the difference as Karnataka lost 0-1 to Rajasthan in a tier-2 match of the junior girls' National football championship heres on Friday.

Renu on song for Kickstart

BENGALURU: Renu accounted for five goals as Kickstart ran out an easy 6-0 victor over Rebel Women's FC in the Karnataka Women's League football here on Friday.

The result: Kickstart 6 (Renu 21, 44, 47, 56, 63, Aarti 26) bt Rebel Women's FC 0.

Praveen strikes three for Bangalore United

Praveen scored thrice as Bangalore United HC blanked Falcon HC-B 11-0 in the KSHA D.S. Murthy Memorial hockey tournament here on Friday.

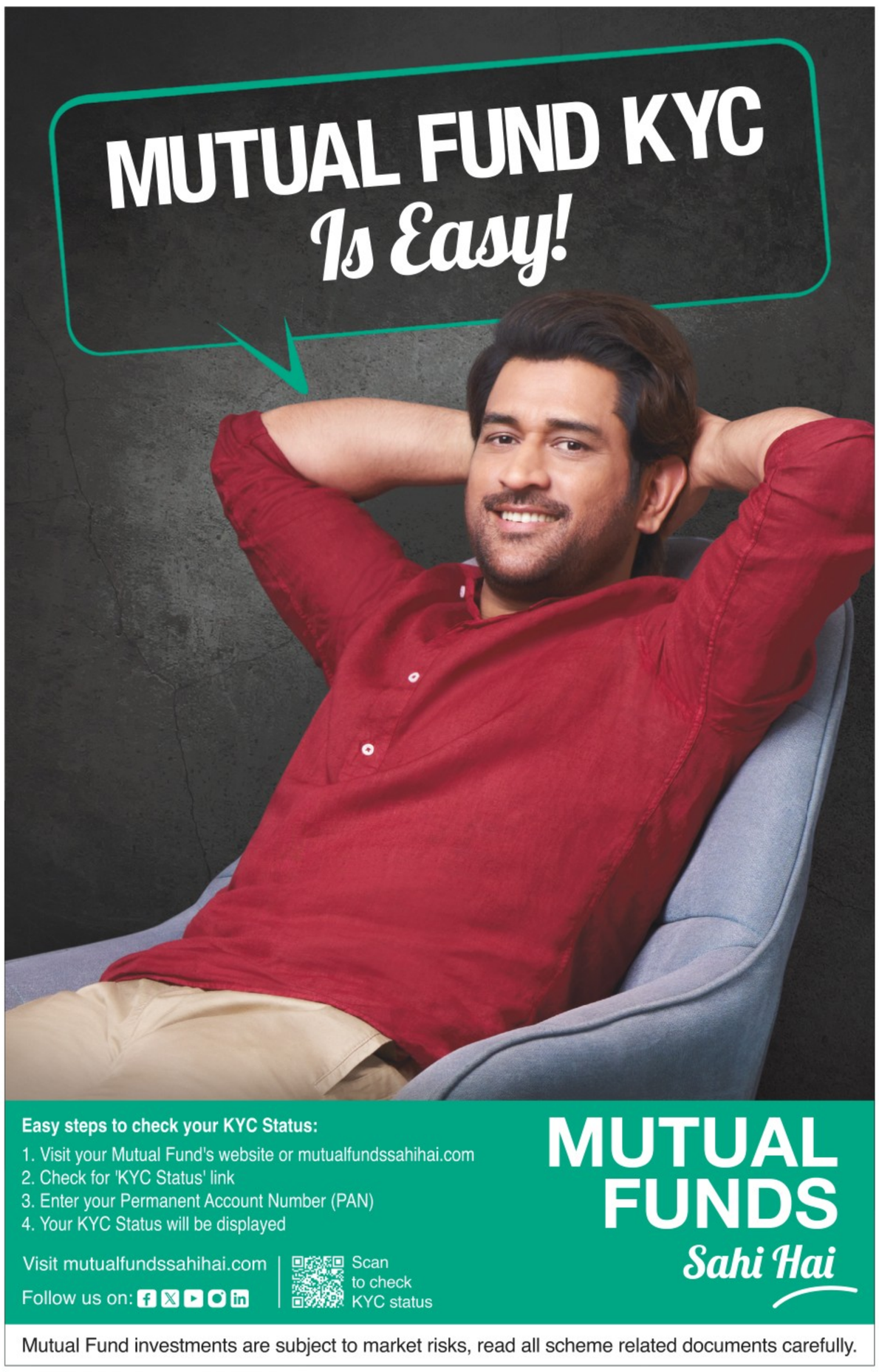
The results: Bangalore United 11 (Arvind 1, 32, Praveen 3, 9, 13, Anthony Vimal 4, Vivek Uthappa 6, 10, Naveen 16, S. Vinay 23, Mallikarjun 28) bt Falcon HC-B 0; Bengaluru Blues-B 3 (Dhushal 12, Logeshwaran 22, Manju 36) bt Naveen 0.

Hat-trick by Dhanush

T. Dhanush scored a hat-trick as Chinmaya Vidyalaya thrashed Baldwin Boys 5-0 in the SJBHS inter-school hockey centenary shield (U-17) tournament here on Friday.

The results: Centenary Shield (U-17): Chinmaya Vidyalaya 5 (M.D. Gouse 7, Mahendra 14, T. Dhanush 16, 19, 33) bt Baldwin Boys 0; Sarala Birly Academy 0 drew with Bishop Cottons 0.

Fr. Eric Vaz Memorial (U-14): Chinmaya Vidyalaya 5 (Prabas 16, Hemanth 27, Preethan 28, 36, Sachiroop 39) bt St. Joseph's BHS 0.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